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THE SPHERE

The world where Rudo used to live. It seems to always be on the move and constantly throwing its trash into the Pit. Criminals are dropped into the Pit, as well, including Rudo's father, for the crime of murder. The people who live in the Sphere don't know that there are cities in the Pit, much less that people live in them.

Chiwa

A girl who had a close personal connection with Rudo. But when Rudo was convicted of killing Regto, she rejected him.

A Mysterious Character

Had a brief encounter with Rudo near the scene of Regto's death and was also present at Rudo's execution.

Regto

The man who raised Rudo after he lost both his parents. He gave young Rudo a pair of beat-up old gloves to cover the injuries on his hands.

Rudo

An orphan boy, perpetual loner, and trash picker who lived on the Sphere. He faced discrimination as one of the Sphere's tribesfolk before he was dropped into the Pit for a crime he did not commit—the murder of Regto, the man who raised him. He was attacked by trash beasts, and then almost killed by the people who live on the ground, but rescued by Enjin and invited to join The Cleaners.

.....?

A man who became enraged when Rudo passed by and took his weapon without asking. He appears to be a Cleaner, however...

Enjin

The Cleaner who discovered Rudo. A Giver. After determining that Rudo has the powers of a Giver, he recruited him into The Cleaners.

THE CLEANERS

An organization of trash beast exterminators.

(Old Lady)

Treated Rudo's wounds. Looks like an old man.

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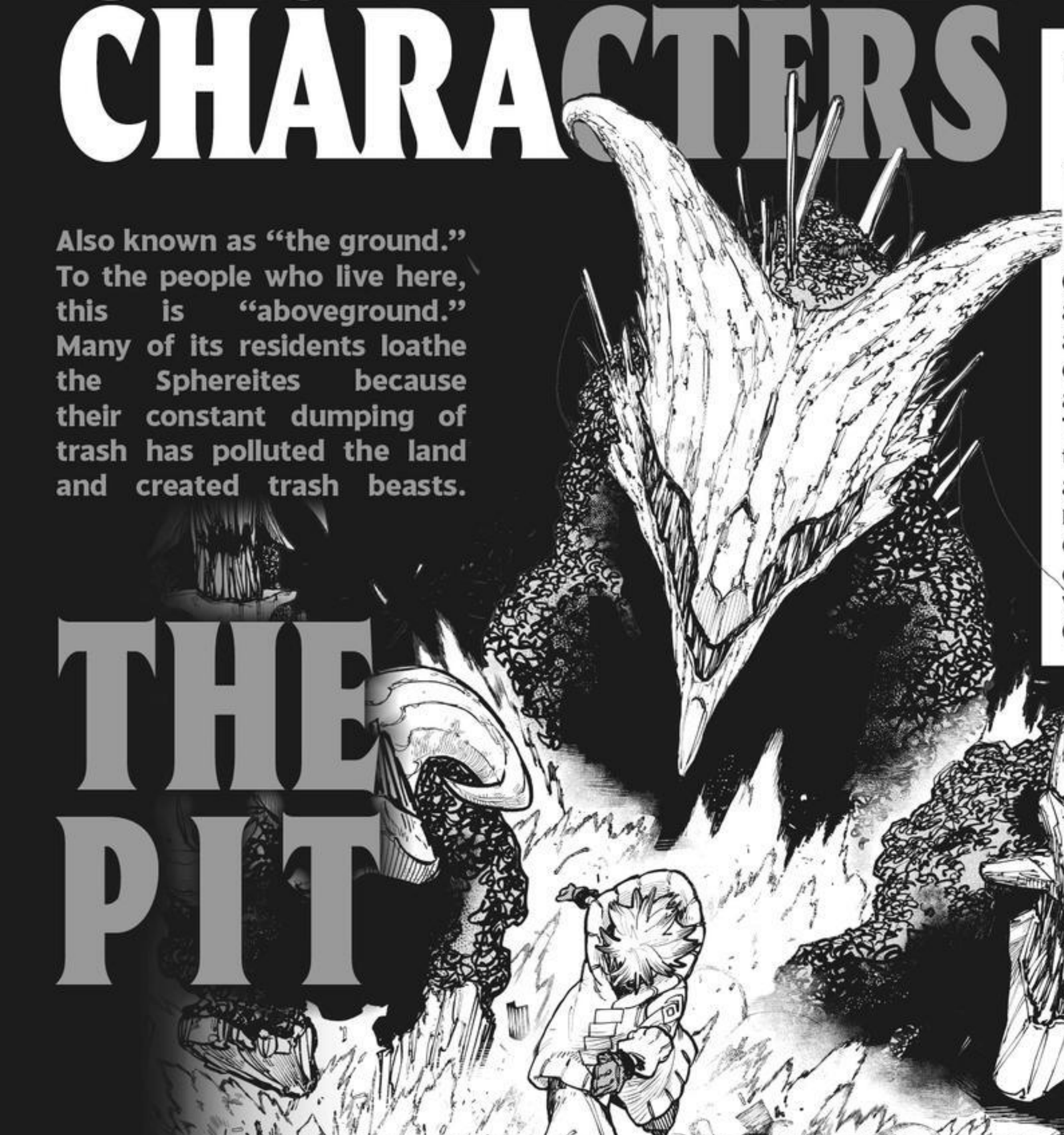
WHAT IS A GIVER?

A Giver is someone with the ability to give an "object" life and draw out its powers. When the user of an object has treated it with love for a long time, that object is imbued with Anima. Such objects are called "vital instruments." A trash beast cannot be defeated except with a vital instrument.

GACHIAKUTA CHARACTERS

TRASH BEASTS

Created when the thoughts and feelings that have accumulated with trash convert into Anima energy and form a monster. They attack every human they see. Because they are powered by Anima, normal weapons have no effect on them. They can only be defeated by the vital instruments used by Givers.



THE PIT

Also known as "the ground." To the people who live here, this is "aboveground." Many of its residents loathe the Sphereites because their constant dumping of trash has polluted the land and created trash beasts.

CHAPTER 5: INTERPERSONAL RELATIONS

IF YOU'RE GONNA GO 'ROUND TAKIN' PEOPLE'S TREASURES...

KLANG

FSHHH

...I PRESUME IT MEANS YOU'RE ASKIN' FOR SOMEONE TO KICK YOUR ASS.

MISTER "EXCEPTIONAL TALENT" RUDO.

HOW'D YOU KNOW MY...!

...?!

SO YOU'RE WITH THE CLEANERS...

YEAH, ENJIN TOLD ME A LITTLE ABOUT YA.

'COURSE, I NEVER FIGURED ON HAVIN' TO START FROM THE MOST BASIC OF COMMON COURTESY.

HASN'T ANYBODY EVER TAUGHT YOU THAT IF YA TAKE PEOPLE'S STUFF, YA GONNA GET SNUFFED?

I DIDN'T ...

I WAS JUST TRYING TO CATCH THE STUPID CAT THAT TOOK MY MONEY, SO I GRABBED THE STICK AND...

NAME'S ZANKA NIJIKU.

I'M WITH THE AKUTA CLEANERS.

AND ENJIN HIMSELF PUT ME IN CHARGE OF SHOWIN' YA THE ROPES.

TELL YOUR MOM AND DAD THEY DIDN'T TEACH YOU GOOD ENOUGH.

RUDO.

HE DOESN'T KNOW ME...

AND HE KNOWS **NOTHING** ABOUT REGTO!!!

WHAT A JERK...

HOW DARE HE CRITICIZE MY UP-BRINGING...!

...YOU HAVE TO START BY MEETING THEM HALFWAY.

IF YOU WANT SOMEONE TO LISTEN TO YOU...

TAKE A SECOND TO COOL DOWN AND THINK ABOUT HOW THE OTHER GUY FEELS.

...

!!!

PFFT!

IF YOU FLY OFF THE HANDLE ...

LITTLE CHIWA-CHAN...

MIGHT STOP LIKING YOU.

THIS IS MY FAULT FOR CAUSING A MISUNDER-STANDING...

IF SOME-ONE TOOK THESE GLOVES FROM ME, I'M SURE I'D BE JUST AS UPSET...

HE'S UPSET BECAUSE HE THINKS I STOLE SOMETHING THAT MEANS A LOT TO HIM...

OF COURSE... HOW THE OTHER GUY FEELS...

...I'M SORRY.

I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS SO IMPORTANT TO YOU...

I DIDN'T MEAN TO STEAL IT...

...

OH, THAT SO?

THEN YA WEREN'T TRYIN'A TAKE ANYTHING FROM ME.

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FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, I THINK I'M ACTUALLY MAKING PEACE WITH SOME-ONE!!

SORRY FOR SCARIN' YA LIKE THAT.

I JUS' GOT A LITTLE FREAKED 'CAUSE THIS BABY'S MY TREASURE.

I WAS WRONG, TOO.

F—

FOR...

WE MIGHT'VE STARTED OFF ON THE WRONG FOOT, BUT IT'S A PLEASURE TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE.

UH!

YEAH!

YOU'RE JOININ' THE CLEANERS, YEAH?

REGTO WAS RIGHT!!

UH... I THINK IT'S THESE GLOVES...

AND MY... POWER? ...IS... I DON'T KNOW.

WHAT KINDA POWER DO YA GOT?

SO WHAT'S YOUR VITAL INSTRUMENT, RUDO?

THOSE GLOVES'RE MAD COOL.

YOUR GLOVES, HUH?

GASP

A SMILE!!

HE LOOKS LIKE A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON THAN HE DID A FEW MINUTES AGO...

IS IT 'CAUSE HE'S SMILING? SMILING...

INCIDENTALLY, IT GOES WITHOUT SAYIN', BUT MY VITAL INSTRUMENT IS THIS HERE AVERAGE, ORDINARY STICK. I MEAN, THOSE SCUZZBALLS ARE ALWAYS MAKIN' FUN OF ME FOR USIN' A STICK, BUT SHE'S MY TREASURE.

BUT CAN I SMILE?

PPPP EEEAMO

IOPPP BEEEEEE

HE'S RIGHT! ONE LITTLE SMILE CAN REALLY CHANGE A GUY!!

OH YEAH! REGTO SAID I HAVE TO FIX MY SCOWL!

SO IF I MAY ASK, RUDO, WHAT MADE YA DECIDE TO JOIN THE CLEANERS?

RU GOMM

I'LL SHOW HIM!

I'LL SHOW HIM THE BEST SMILE, DAMMIT!!!

MMO BLEEE

OF COURSE I CAN! I PRACTICED A LOT UP THERE...!!

I SHOULD BE ABLE TO PULL IT OFF BY NOW!

I'M NOT REALLY JOINING.

I'M JUST HELPING OUT UNTIL I CAN REACH MY GOAL.

WHAA-AAA??!

WHADDAYA MEAN BY THAT FACE?!!

YOU WANNA PIECE O' ME, IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYIN', SCUZZBALL?!!

CRAP, WHAT WAS WRONG WITH IT...? WERE MY EYES OPEN TOO WIDE...? WAS IT A BAD IDEA TO SHOW MY TEETH?!

IN THAT CASE!!

THAT WAS THE BEST SMILE OF MY ENTIRE LIFE...!!

I DON'T GET IT! WHY ARE YOU MAD AT ME...?

YA MEAN TA TELL ME YOU WERE SMILIN'?!! AFTER *THAT* DISPLAY OF CREEPY FACIAL CONTORTION?!!

ARE YA OUTTA YOUR GARBAGE-JUMPING MIND?!!

GET REAL! YOU'RE THE ONE PICKING A FIGHT! I'M TRYING TO GIVE YOU A FRIENDLY SMILE, SO WHAT'S WITH THE ATTITUDE?!!

WHAT ?!!

HA!

YOU *DO* WANNA PIECE O' ME, DON'CHA, SCUZZ BUCKET?!!

FIRST YA GIVE ME THE HUMBLE ACT, *THEN* YA START PLAYIN' GAMES WITH MY HEAD...

BUT WE LEGIT RISK OUR LIVES EVERY SINGLE STINKIN' DAY FIGHTIN' TRASH BEASTS AND ALL THE OTHER DANGERS OUT THERE!

MAYBE YA GOT AN OVER-INFLATED OPINION OF YOURSELF, SEEIN' AS HOW ENJIN SAID YOU'RE SO TALENTED...

WELL, IF YA CAN TALK ABOUT IT WITH THAT JOKE OF A LOOK ON YOUR FACE...

AND YOU'RE JUST "HELPIN' OUT 'TIL YOU CAN REACH YOUR GOAL"?!

...IT MUST NOT BE WORTH ANYTHIN'!!

GO CHANGE THIS SACK O' CRAP WORLD.

WHAT...

...DID YOU JUST SAY?

...ISN'T *WORTH* ANYTHING?

MY GOAL...

MY GOAL HAS *WORTH*.

I'M *WORTHY*, TOO.

RUSTLE

FLAP

FLAP

TURD-FACE!!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO NEEDS TO GET A GRIP.

FWSH

I KNEW IT.

THE MINUTE I FIRST LAID EYES ON YOU...

...I KNEW I DIDN'T LIKE YOU.

SWIPE

SAME TO YOU.

YANK

YOUR VITAL INSTRU-MENT...

...IS THE *GLOVES*, RIGHT??

...HUH?

NO... IS THIS FOR REAL...?

ZWOMM

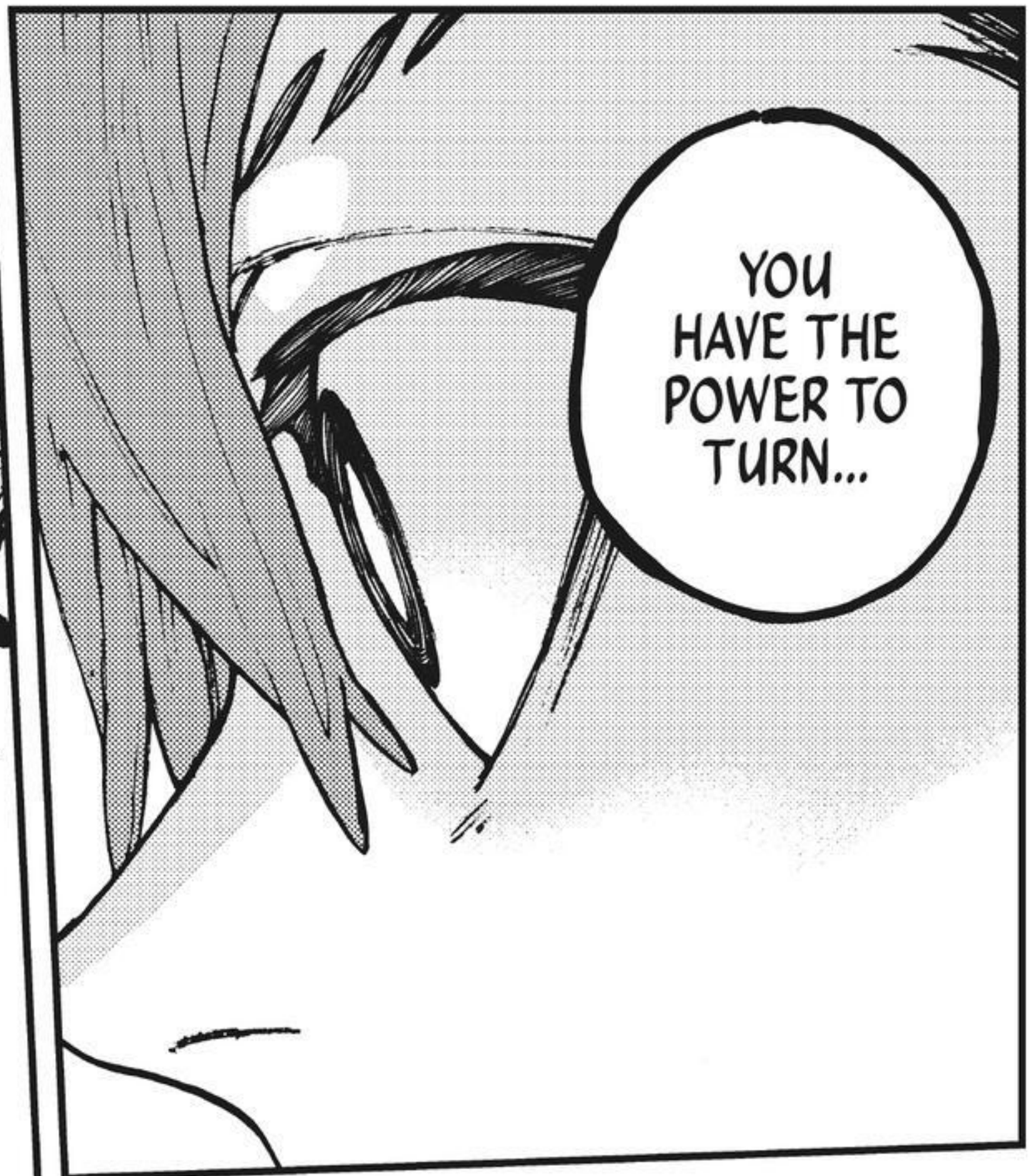
YOUR POWER...

...INTO A VITAL INSTRU-MENT.

YOUR POWER IS TO TURN ANYTHING YOU TOUCH...

GACHIAKUTA

CHAPTER 6: DOOKIE-ING IT OUT



BUT IF INNATE TALENT'S ALL YA GOT...

SFF

THAT'S CHEATIN'. NO WONDER HE CALLED YA EXCEPTIONAL.

HAHA!

...THEN YOU'LL NEVER BEAT ORDINARY OL' ME IN A FIGHT.

THERE JUST AIN'T NO WAY.

?!

IT CAME FROM ABOVE?!

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BOOM

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GRAB

WHEN DID HE...?

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FWOOSH
フォン

POW

カ!! POW
カ!! POW POW
POW カ!!
YOUR REACTION TIME IS AWFUL SLOW, *MISTER GENIUS.*
POW カ!!
カ!! POW
GUESS THE ONLY EXCEPTIONAL THING ABOUT YA IS YOUR INSTRUMENT.
POW カ!!
POW カ!!
POW カ!!
HGH!
MY VITAL INSTRUMENT IS JUST A STICK.

FSH

SPLAT

RRRAAAAHH!!

THWACK

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WHAT'S THIS?

SNIFF

HM?

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THAT BETTER NOT BE WHAT I THINK IT IS!!!

YOU...

IT'S A POTTY SUCKER !!!

POTTY... SUCKER...?

...

BLAH BLAH ***BLAH!*** YOU'RE NOT MAKING ANY SENSE!!

AND IT'S ***MY*** TURN TO BEAT THE CRUD OUT OF ***YOU!!***

IT...

IT, Y'KNOW, SUCKS...

... THE POO—

Y'KNOW— A POTTY SUCKER!!

VWOOSH

WAAA- AGHH!!

WATCH IT!!

VWOOSH

?

WHAT GOT INTO HIM...?

HE STARTED FREAKING OUT AS SOON AS I STARTED USING THIS THING.

I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT IT IS...

...BUT IT'S WORKING!!

WHOA!!

WOULD YA PLEASE STOP SWINGIN' THAT AROUND-

VWOOSH

VWOOSH

WHOA, WHOA, TIME OUT!!

SWOOSH

WOULD YOU STOP THAT !!!

SERIOUSLY, KNOCK IT OFF!!

WAAAAAGHHH!

SPLAT

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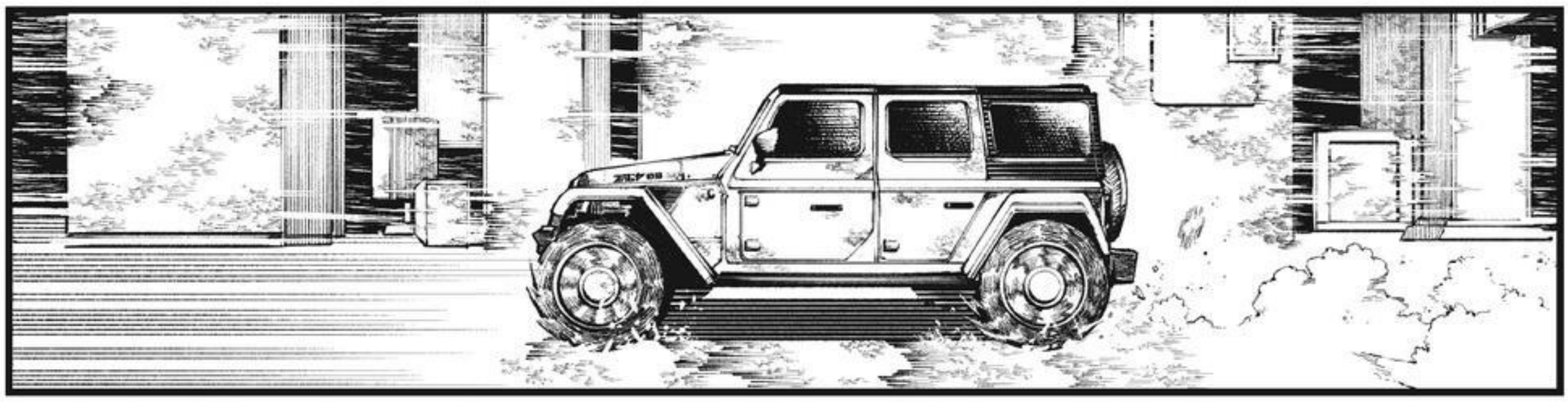
FRIENDS ALREADY?

HEY, GUYS.

HM?



BWAAAH HAHA HAHA!

SERI-OUS-LY?!
YOU GUYS FOUGHT EACH OTHER WITH FLYING POO?
BWAAAH HAHA HAHA!
WHO EVER HEARD OF SUCH A—
PFFT!

ZANKA'S KIND OF AS CLOSE AS THE GROUND GETS TO A SPOILED RICH KID.

PFFT!

SO IF YOU ATTACK HIM WITH POO, WELL...

HUMILI-ATED, ALL BECAUSE OF SOME POO...

I WAS FIGHTING WITH POO...?

AND I WAS SO PROUD OF MYSELF...

PLEASE... JUST...STOP LAUGHIN'.

GAAAH HAHA HAHA

BUT THIS IS YOUR NEW TRAINER.

ANYWAY, I DIDN'T EXPECT THE INTRODUCTION TO BE QUITE SO HILARIOUS.

OF ALL THE CLEANERS, ZANKA'S THE GIVER WHO'S THE BEST AT HANDLING VITAL INSTRUMENTS.

LEARN ALL YOU CAN FROM HIM.

SO...

HNNGH ...!

SNIF- FLE...

SHFF

ENJIN... THE ENJIN... AC- KNOWL- EDGED MY SKILLS? ME?

ENJIN NOTICED ME...?

WHEN DID YOU GET HERE...

...RIYO?

HUP

I WANTED TO SEE THE NEW KID.

MMM.

SO YOU'RE RUDO?

IS SHE A CLEANER, TOO...?

...UH.

YEAH...

YOUR HAIR IS SOMETHING ELSE!!

さわ RUB

DO YOU DYE IT?

さわ RUB

RUFFLE さわ

MY HAIR!

A G-G-GIRL!

さわ RUFFLE

??!!

NO, YOU DON'T! THIS IS NATURAL.

IS PLAYING WITH MY HAIR!!

IS THIS WHAT LIFE IS LIKE ON THE GROUND?!!

♪

WE'RE HEADED HOME.

WELL, YOU READY TO GET GOING?

TO CLEANER HQ.

GACHIAKUTA

GRRK
GRRK
GRRK
GRRK
GRRK
VROOOOM

SKREE

WIPE
WIPE
WIPE
WIPE

ZSHUU

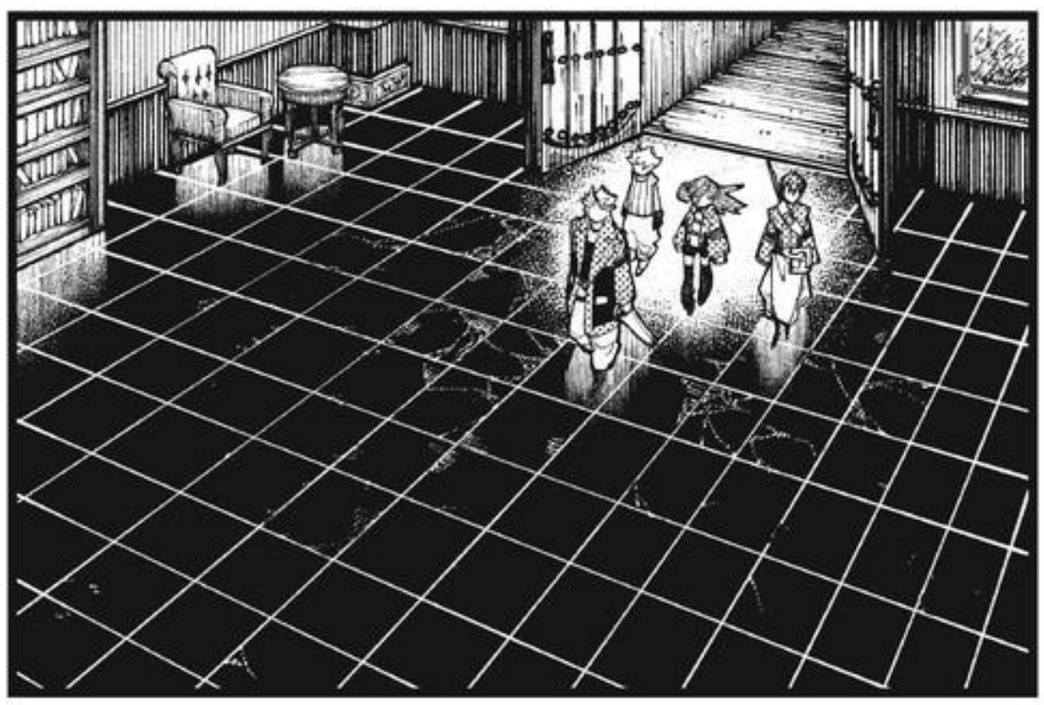
PAFF

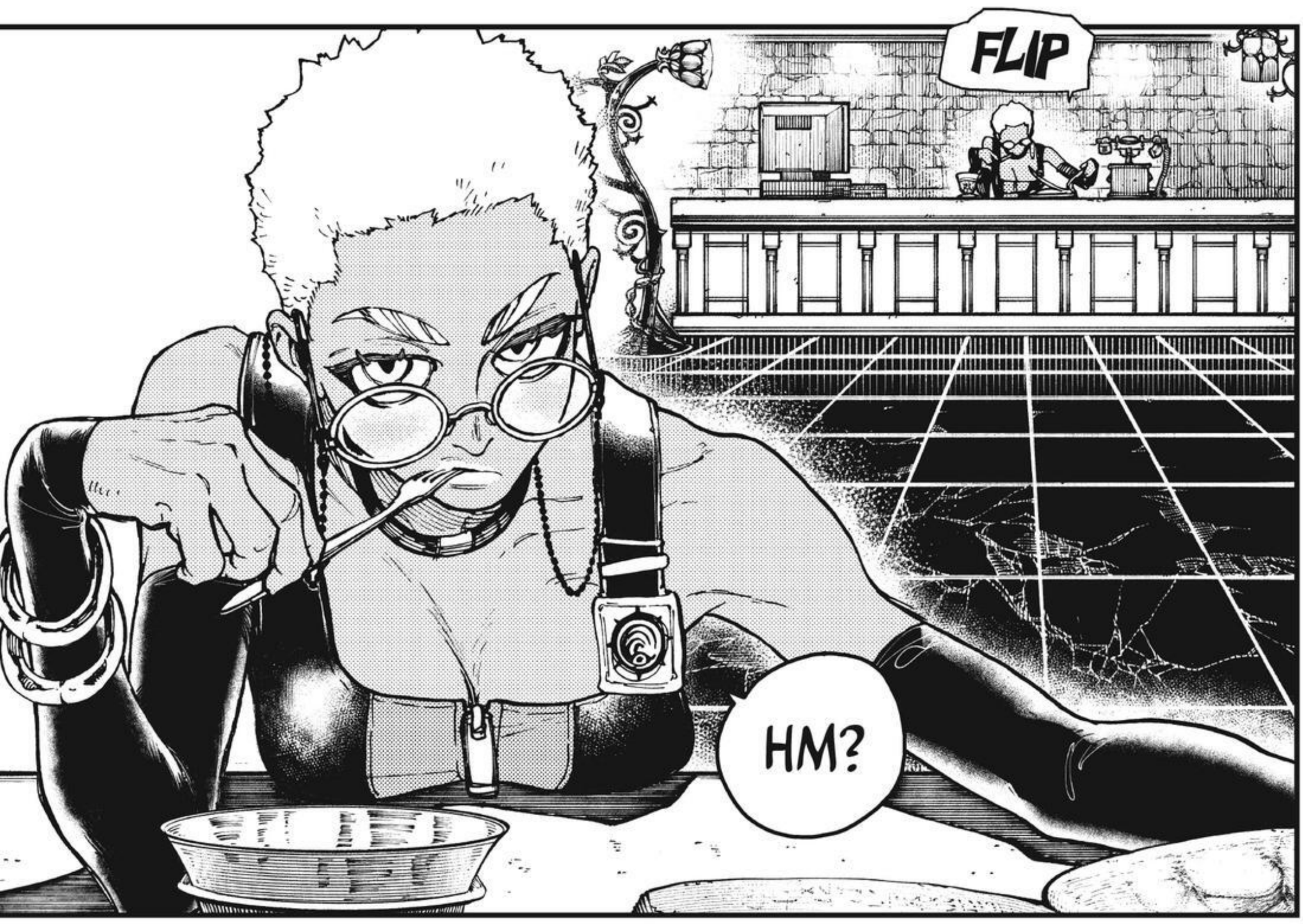
PAFF

SCRUFF!

WELCOME!

TO THE CLEANERS!
CHAPTER 7: CLEANER HQ




FLIP
HM?

...IS SHE GONNA ROUGH ME UP AGAIN...?
UHH...
WELL, SEE YOU LATER, RUDO!

BZZ

ZZZZ

SEMIU'S POWER IS...

WHENEVER SOMEONE NEW JOINS UP, SHE GIVES THEM A LOOK OVER.

BZZZZ

THIS IS SEMIU, OUR RECEP-TIONIST.

BZZZZ

RUDO.

VWSH

FLIP

ENJIN TOLD ME ABOUT YOU.

AND ABOUT ***WHERE*** YOU'RE FROM.

BUT I WANT TO SEE IT FOR MYSELF.

NICE TO MEET YOU, ROOKIE. WE HAVE HIGH HOPES FOR YOU.

LET ME SEE YOUR POTENTIAL.

WOW... YOU CAN USE VITAL INSTRUMENTS FOR THAT, TOO?

SEMIU'S VITAL INSTRUMENT IS THOSE GLASSES.

POTENTIAL?

...AND WHEN SHE REALLY TRIES, SHE CAN SEE A PERSON'S TRUE ESSENCE.

THEY ENHANCE HER KINETIC VISUAL ACUITY...

...WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT DID YOU SEE?

...

...!!

BUT HIS USE OF IT IS STILL UNSTABLE... HE'LL NEED TRAINING BEFORE HE CAN ACCESS HIS POWERS NATURALLY.

AND HIS COMPATIBILITY WITH HIS VITAL INSTRUMENT IS WAY ABOVE AVERAGE.

HIS PHYSICAL ABILITIES ARE ALREADY EXCELLENT, SO YOU WON'T NEED TO BUILD THEM FROM THE GROUND UP.

...RIGHT.

...?

...WELL...

...

...IS THAT IT?

PFFT!

WHAT?

THERE'S POO ON HIS NECK.

I'M NOT *PLAYING* WITH IT!!

DON'T PLAY WITH POO TOO MUCH, OKAY?

GAHAHAHAHAHA!

THAT'S WHY THERE'S SO MANY FLIES BUZZING AROUND!!

DUDE!

THANKS, SEMIU. I'M JUST GONNA TAKE HIM TO MEET THE BOSS.

...RIGHT...

BUT WE ALL STAY AT OTHER BASES DEPENDING ON WHERE WE'RE CLEANING, SO IT'S RARE FOR EVERYONE TO BE HERE AT HQ.

THERE ARE A TOTAL OF ABOUT A HUNDRED CLEANERS, INCLUDING COMBATANTS, SENTINELS, AND SUPPORTERS.

YOU WANNA HAVE A QUICK MEET-AND-GREET?

MEET-AND-GREET ?!

ヤツキャ KA-CHAK

I MEAN, THERE'S PROBABLY NOBODY HERE ANYWAY, SO IT SHOULDN'T TAKE...

PTAM 1084

SO THE GANG'S ALL HERE.

WE'LL SAVE THAT FOR LATER.

...

THIS IS THE BOSS'S ROOM.

YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST MARCH IN THERE AND DEMAND THAT THE BOSS TELL YOU HOW TO GET UP TO THE SPHERE?

HACK ハック

THEN LET'S GO ASK HOW TO GET UP—

WHOA, HOLD YOUR HORSES.

YOU HAVE TO OFFER TO PAY FOR IT. SAY WITH YOUR OWN WORDS THAT YOU'RE GONNA WORK HERE.

I TOLD YA, THE WORLD'S NOT KIND ENOUGH TO GIVE IT AWAY FOR FREE.

INFORMATION IS A VALUABLE COMMODITY EVERYWHERE.

ACTUALLY, NONE OF US KNOW WHAT IT IS.

OR WHAT KIND OF POWER IT HAS.

BUT DON'T ASK ABOUT THE BOSS'S VITAL INSTRU-MENT.

AND I TOLD YA SOME THINGS BACK THERE MYSELF 'CAUSE YOU NEEDED TO HEAR THEM.

'CAUSE HE'S GOT REAL SKILLS, OBVIOUSLY, AND HE'S SOMEONE WE CAN TRUST.

BUT THE CLEANERS ALL FOLLOW THE BOSS ANYWAY.

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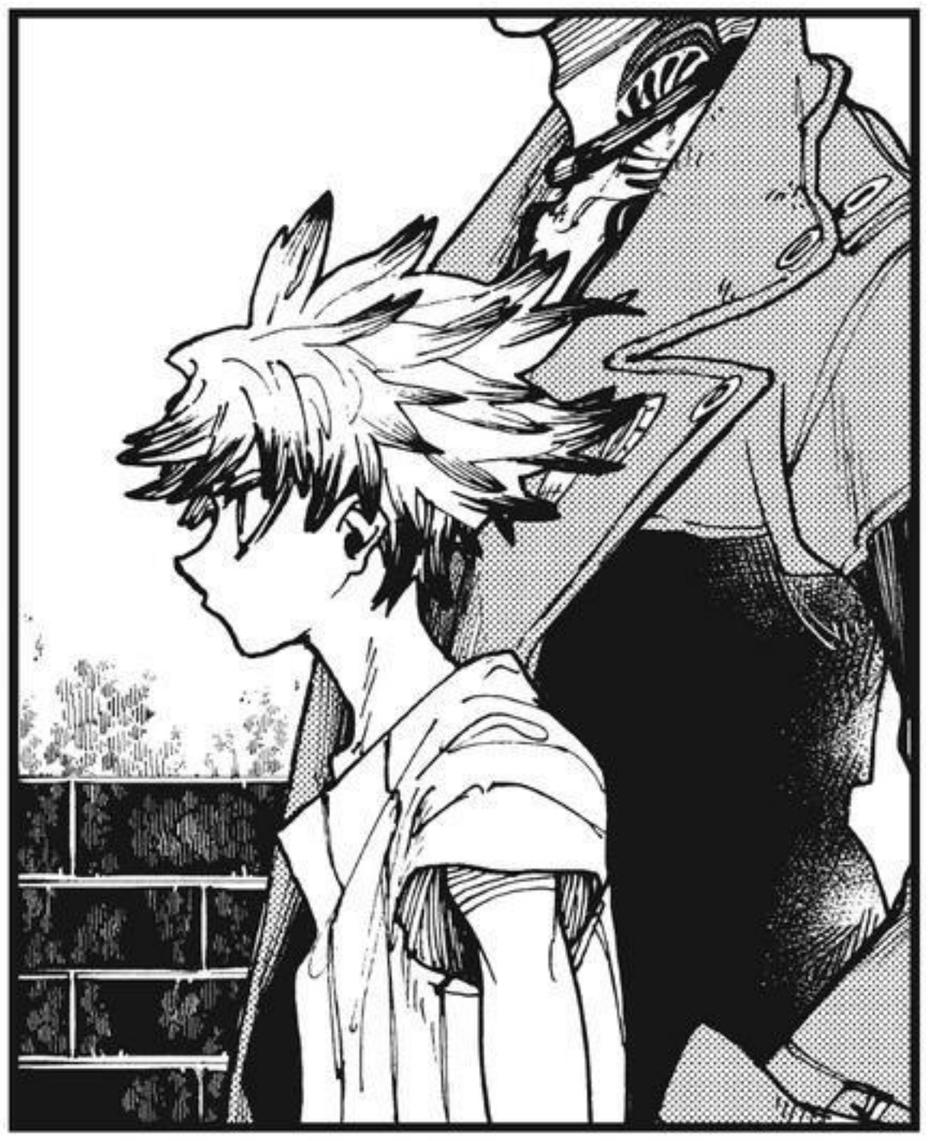

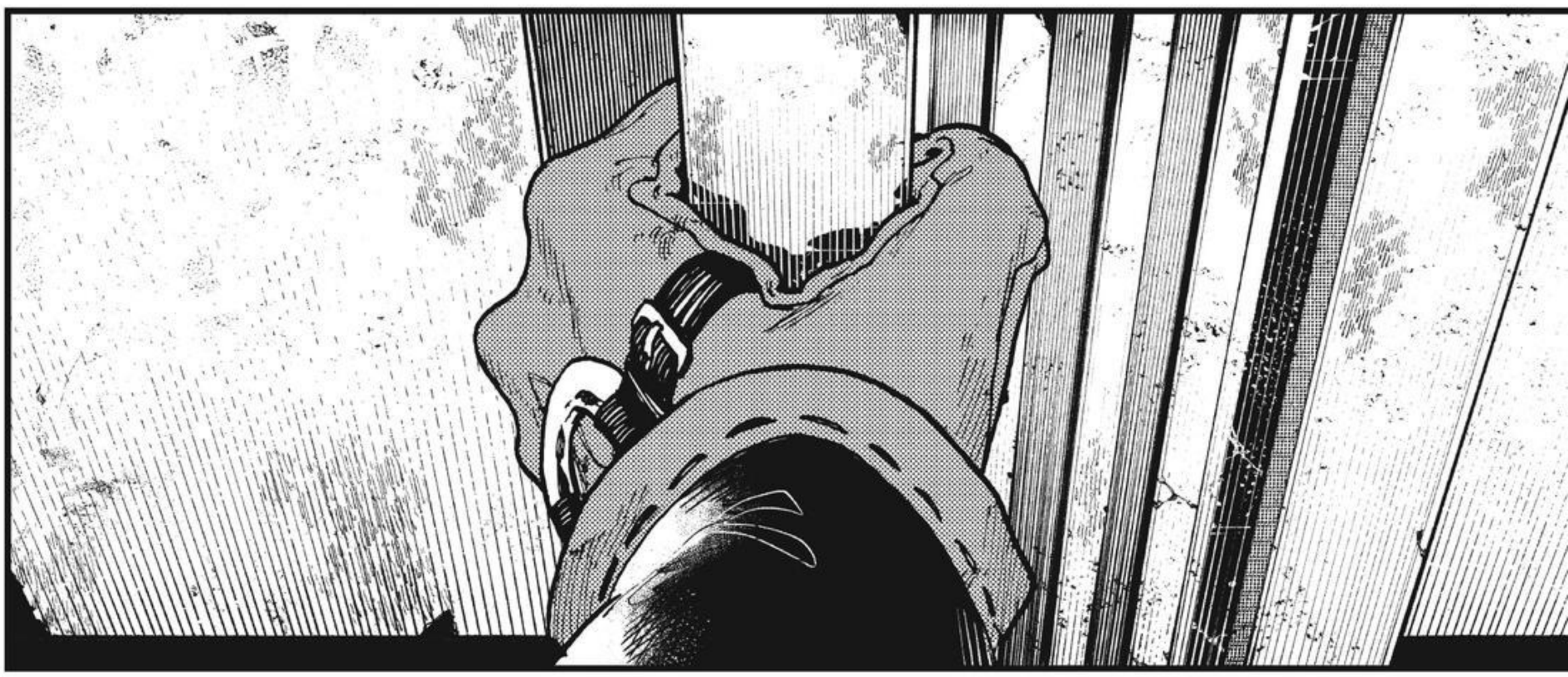

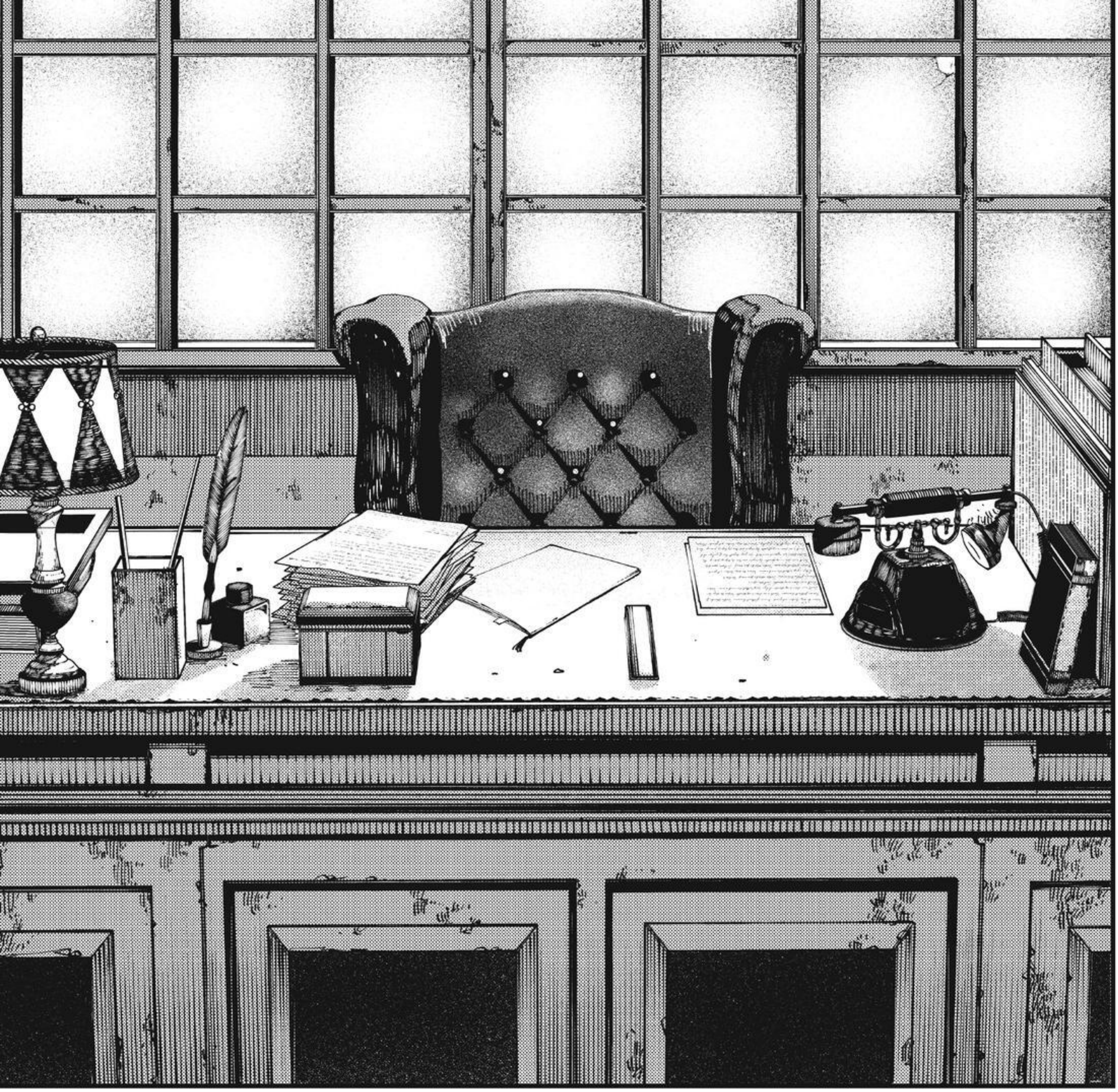

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ENJIN! I FORGOT TO TELL YOU.

...
HUH?

THE BOSS IS AWAY ON BUSINESS AND WON'T BE BACK FOR A WHILE.

YEAH, I HEARD!! WHAT DO WE DO?!!

SORRY 'BOUT THAT, RUDO. LOOKS LIKE THE BOSS IS OUT.

OH, HE'S DOING *THAT* AGAIN.

WHAT ?!

HUH? ?!

WHAT ?!

MAN, THAT GUY IS WAY TOO HARD TO PIN DOWN FOR BEING THE HEAD HONCHO.

DID HE TELL YOU WHEN HE'D BE BACK?

HOW ABOUT WE TAKE OUR NEW HOPEFUL ON AN OBSERVATION FIELD TRIP?

SOUNDS LIKE IT'LL BE SOME TIME BEFORE HE COMES BACK.

THEN I HAVE AN IDEA!

BESIDES...

SO FOR NOW, LET'S JUST CALL HIM A TRAINEE AND TAKE HIM TO WORK WITH US!

HE CAN'T OFFICIALLY JOIN THE CLEANERS WITH THE BOSS GONE ANYWAY.

I WANT TO GET TO KNOW YOU BETTER, RUDO...

PLEASE?

GACHIAKUTA

CHAPTER 8: OBSERVATION FIELD TRIP

SO THIS JOB'S GONNA BE AN EASY ONE.

BUT YOU STILL NEED TO WATCH OUR WORK CLOSELY.

FLINCH びくっ

'KAY? ☆

HERE ARE THE JOB DETAILS.

...“SMALL TRASH BEASTS HAVE BEEN SIGHTED NEAR THE BARRICADE. WE’D LIKE THE CLEANERS TO CLEAN THEM UP, JUST IN CASE.”

AND THERE YOU HAVE IT.

THE CITIZENS OF A TOWN NEAR A POLLUTED ZONE SAID...

SURE I DID. I MADE IT SIMPLE— CALLED ’EM GARBAGE DUMP SITES.

...

...YOU HAVEN’T TAUGHT HIM ABOUT THOSE, ENJIN?

...POLLUTED ZONE?

SAFE

POLLUTED

THE GROUND IS DIVIDED INTO AREAS THAT ARE FIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION...

CALLED "SAFE ZONES"...

RUDO.

BECAUSE THIS HALF-WIT COULDN'T DO HIS JOB, I'LL EXPLAIN OUR TERMINOLOGY.

NOD コクリ

POLLUTED

...AND AREAS THAT ARE POLLUTED BY GARBAGE AND INHABITED BY TRASH BEASTS,

WHICH WE CALL THE "POLLUTED ZONES."

SAFE

HALF-WIT?

...IN ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS POLLUTED ZONES.

INCIDENTALLY, WHEN YOU FELL, YOU LANDED...

NO MAN'S LAND

POLLUTED

"NO MAN'S LAND."

SAF

AS FAR AS WE'VE DETERMINED, THERE ARE SIX NO MAN'S LANDS.

AN AVERAGE PERSON WHO ENTERS NO MAN'S LAND WILL DIE ALMOST INSTANTLY.

THOSE AREAS ARE SWARMING WITH TRASH BEASTS THAT ARE TOUGH EVEN FOR GIVERS TO HANDLE.

IT'S A MIRACLE THAT ENJIN HAPPENED ACROSS YOU THERE.

AND WHAT **WERE** YOU DOING IN THAT NO MAN'S LAND, ANYWAY?

HEY, IF I WANNA TAKE A WALK IN NO MAN'S LAND, THAT'S MY BUSINESS.

IT ALL TURNED OUT FIIINE.

A WALK...?

WELL, WHATEVER.

WHEN YOU GO INTO A POLLUTED ZONE, MAKE SURE TO WEAR A GAS MASK AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

RUMMAGE ゴソ

スッ SWF

IF YOU INHALE ANY TOXIC MATERIAL, YOU MIGHT COME DOWN WITH SOMETHING PRETTY NASTY.

...HOW MANY MINUTES WAS I BREATHING THE AIR THERE...?

INCIDENTALLY, WITHOUT A GAS MASK, YOU'LL DIE IN NO MAN'S LAND IN APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES.

ANYWAY, THAT'S A POLLUTED ZONE...

LOOKING BACK, I DID THINK THE PIT WAS A BIG GARBAGE DUMP WHEN I WAS STILL ON THE SPHERE.

IT NEVER EVEN OCCURRED TO ME THAT THERE WOULD BE PEOPLE LIVING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.

NOW THAT I LOOK AT IT, IT REALLY IS ONE BIG PILE OF TRASH.

OR DO THEY KNOW AND TOSS TRASH AND PEOPLE DOWN HERE ANYWAY...?

...DO THEY ALL NOT KNOW ABOUT THIS...?

THE POLLUTED ZONE...

WHEN I STOP TO THINK ABOUT IT...

...STILL.

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...IS A MOUNTAIN OF TREASURE!!!

I WANNA TAKE IT ALL HOME AND REPAIR IT...!!

...YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN WONDERING... WHO ARE THEY?

!

THEY'RE CLEANERS, JUST LIKE US.

THEY DON'T HAVE POWERS, BUT THEY'RE STILL A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THE CLEANER TEAM.

SUPPORTERS, TO BE EXACT.

!!

ナ!! REACH…

SLOW ミ…

NICE TO…

…

…YEAH …

NICE TO MEET YOU.

?!

?!

YEOWCH…

THROB THROB THROB THROB

AHHHAHA! ISN'T HE AWESOME?!

SQUEEZEE

EEE

FFF

MEE-EEE-EEET ?!!

I FEEL SO MUCH SAFER HAVING A POWER-HOUSE LIKE HIM AROUND!

HE'S A REAL LIFE-SAVER.

I'M NOT SURE I CAN KEEP UP WITH THEIR ENERGY...

AREN'T YOU JEALOUS? I'M JEALOUS!

IT'S SUPER COOL!!

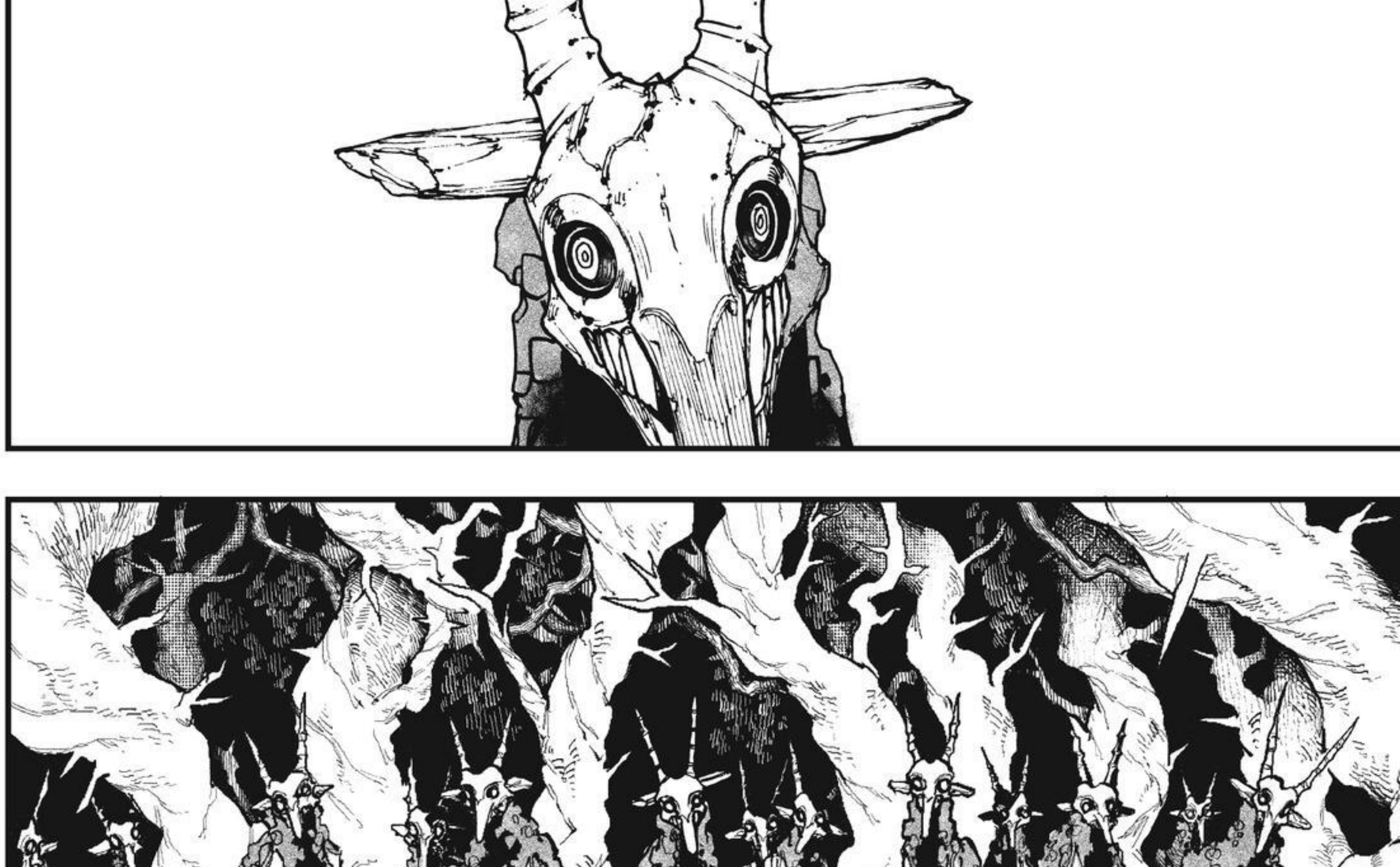
HIS GRIP STRENGTH IS SICK! HE CAN EVEN SCRUNCH TRASH BEAST EXOSKEL-ETONS!

!

RIYO.

BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW "EASY" THE JOB IS. I MAY BE JUST A TRAINEE, BUT I HAVE TO PULL MY WEIGHT...

I HAVE VISUAL ON THE TRASH BEASTS.



THERE'S LIKE A MILLION OF THEM!!!

IT'S FINE.

THEY'RE A SLOW-MOVING TYPE, AND THEY'RE NOT VERY STRONG.

THIS ISN'T AN "EASY" JOB!!!

HEY!! NOBODY EVER SAID THERE'D BE THAT MANY OF THEM!!

...WELL, THEY'RE DEFINITELY MORE TAME THAN THE FIRST TRASH BEASTS I MET...

SO THERE ARE DIFFERENT TYPES, THEN...

THEY'RE HEADBUTTING THE BARRICADE, BUT IT'S NOT BUDGING AN INCH.

KLONK

KLONK

KLONK

SEE?

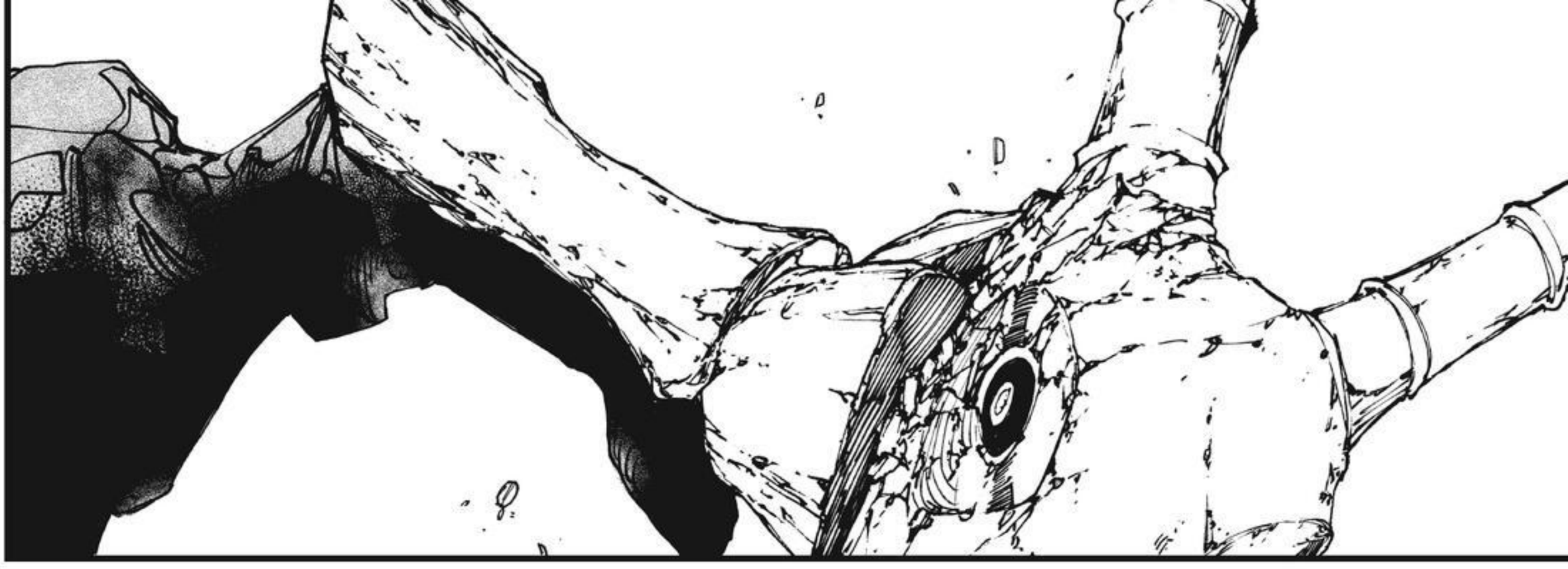
YOU'RE A LUCKY KID, RUDO!

YEAH...

THAT'S WHY THEY'RE THE PERFECT LITTLE GUYS FOR OBSERVATION.

SNAP

THEY DO LOOK KINDA LIKE ANIMALS.



THESE ARE NOT TAME!! NOT TAME!!!

IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE.

WE GOT SOME SCARIER ONES NOW!!

HEY!!

HEY !!!

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WHAT PART OF THIS IS FINE?!

WE SHOULD CALL FOR BACKUP...

THOSE HEADBUTTS ARE REALLY DOING DAMAGE NOW!!

THEY *ARE* STRONGER, BUT THEY'RE STILL PERFECT LITTLE GUYS FOR TRAINING NEWBIES!

THAT TYPE OF TRASH BEAST...

IS LIKE A SLIGHTLY UPGRADED VERSION OF THE LITTLE ONES.

I KNOW! WE'LL FINISH THIS UP AND GO HAVE A WELCOME PARTY FOR YOU!

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO EAT?

WHAT? BUT I STILL HAVEN'T OFFICIALLY JOINED...

THEN WE'LL HAVE A "WELCOME TO THE GROUND" PARTY!

...I MEAN, IT'S A SCARY BIG HERD.

AND NOW THAT THEY'VE COME OUT OF HIDING, WE CAN ASSUME THE WHOLE HERD IS HERE.

...BUT IF WE BEAT THEM ALL AT ONCE, WE GET TO GO HOME SOONER!!

RUDO.

TO BE A CLEANER...

NO...

HOW... HOW ARE YOU SO RELAXED...?

I THOUGHT THIS JOB WAS LIFE OR DEATH...

...IT'S IMPORTANT TO KEEP A COOL HEAD!!

TO LIVE HERE ON THE GROUND...

I DEFINITELY DON'T HAVE A COOL HEAD.

SHE... SHE'S RIGHT!!

WELL, I'LL LEARN TO HAVE ONE!!

ENJIN SEEMED TO KEEP HIS COOL, TOO!

COOL HEAD.

KEEP YOUR COOL...

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...OKAY...

IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE.

SLIP スル

...RIGHT?!

THIS IS NOT FINE!

GOOD

THAT ONE'S NOT A GOOD TARGET FOR OBSERVA-TION.

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I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A SLICK TRASH BEAST!

HUH?

ZSH

ZSH

BUT...

I SURE AM ITCHING...

...TO GO UP AGAINST SUCH A BIG, TOUGH GUY!

I'M KEEPING... MY... COOL...

IT'S OKAY...

GACHIAKUTA

CHAPTER 9: IN A STRANGE LAND

HEE HEE!

SCISSORS ...?

ZWOM
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WE DON'T REALLY WANT TO TAKE OUT THE BIG TRASH YET.
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WE SHOULD TIDY UP ALL THE LITTLE ONES FIRST!

TIME FOR SOME DEEP CLEANING!

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SNIP
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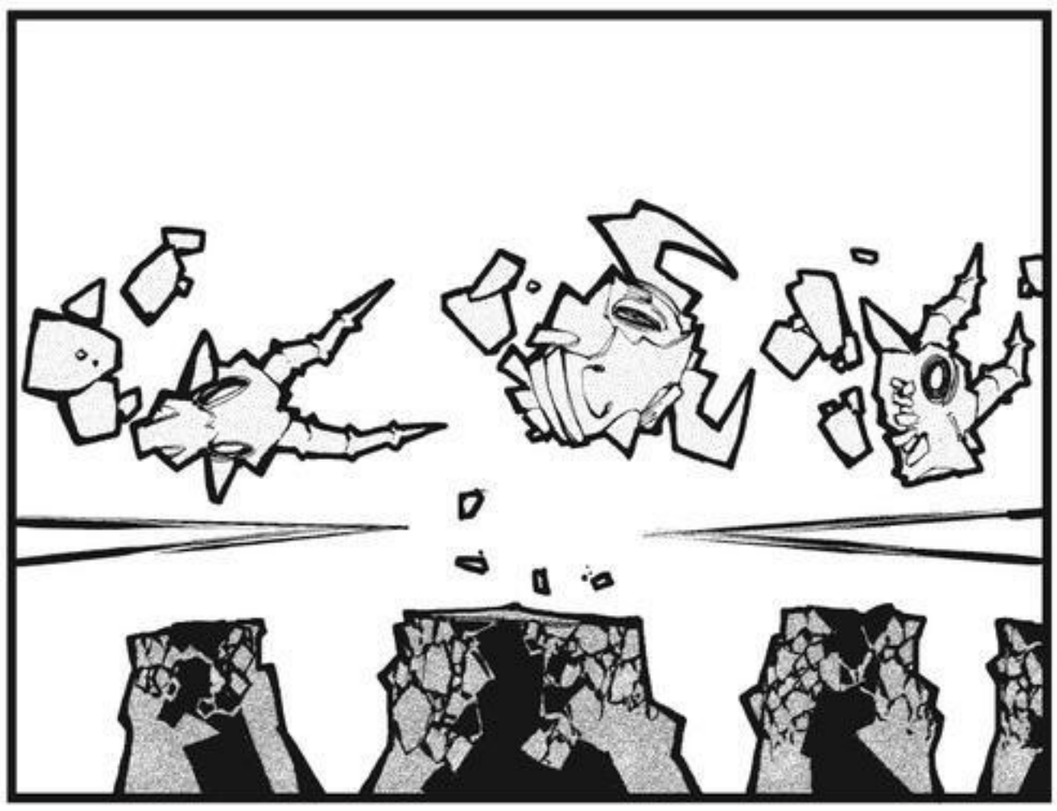

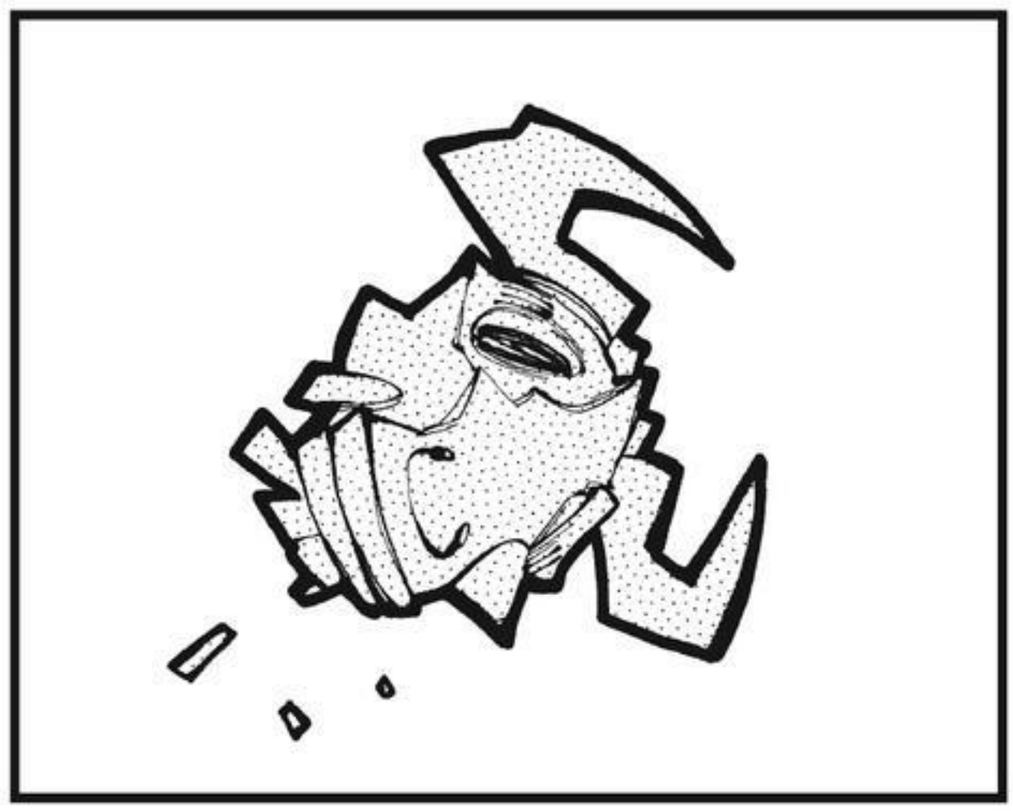

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WHAT JUST HAPPENED ...?!

WHAT DID SHE DO?!

WHA-?!!

...AND CUT THEM ALL DOWN IN AN INSTANT.

SHE TWIRLED THE SCISSORS WITH HER FEET...

SHE CALLS IT "THE RIPPER."

!

RIYO'S VITAL INSTRUMENT IS THAT PAIR OF SCISSORS.

BUT WHEN RIYO TRANSFORMS HERS INTO A WEAPON, SHE GENERALLY USES THEM WITH HER FEET.

NOT SOMETHING TO DO IN POLITE COMPANY.

NORMALLY, YOU'D USE SCISSORS WITH YOUR HANDS.

...BY THE WAY, RUDO.

...SO EVERYONE USES OBJECTS DIFFERENTLY...

I KNOW YOU'RE ONLY HERE TO OBSERVE, BUT DON'T JUST STAND THERE.

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HUH?

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RIYO-
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OO!!

I'M ON IT!

KLWGRNK

KA-CHOP

POW!

C'MON!

GO AHEAD AND SEND MORE OF THOSE GUYS OVER HERE.

WILL DO.

...SO THE GIVER CAN FINISH THEM OFF.

BUT THEY CAN IMMOBILIZE THEM...

THEY DON'T HAVE POWERS, SO THEY CAN'T BEAT THE TRASH BEASTS.

THIS IS HOW THE CLEANERS FIGHT...

HRNGH

I'M JUST HELPING OUT UNTIL I CAN REACH MY GOAL!

MMHM, YUP.

IT'S MUCH CLEANER NOW!

ALL THAT'S LEFT...

...IS THE BIG ONE!!

ZHOOM

SHF

BA-GRAK

WE'LL DISASSEMBLE THE SMALL FRY AS MUCH AS WE CAN TO MAKE SURE THEY STAY IMMOBILIZED.

YES, SIR!

KRUMBLE

...RIYO WENT OFF TO GET THE BIG ONE...

SWIVEL

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WHOA ?!

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GET OUT OF THERE !!

HEY !!

...RUDO!

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CLASH

...SO I CAN GET INFOR-MATION!

I...I'M JOINING THE CLEANERS ...

I CAN DO THIS!!

BZZZ

I DON'T WANNA BE THE KIND OF HELPER THAT DRAGS EVERY-BODY DOWN!

AND I'M GONNA PROVE IT!!

BZZT

WOO

WAIT A MINUTE... HUH...?

I HAVE POWERS, BUT...

WHAT... HAP- PENED ...?

WHY IS IT...?

HOW DO I USE THEM AGAIN...?

NOT BAD, RUDO.

YOU MANAGED TO JUMP RIGHT IN TO HELP SOMEBODY.

ARE YOU DONE CLEANING UP THE BIG ONE?

SO?

I CUT HIM IN TWO.

THANK YOU, BOTH OF YOU.

I'M SORRY. WE GOT CARELESS.

...

RIYO!

RUDO!

CRUMBLE

WHAT?

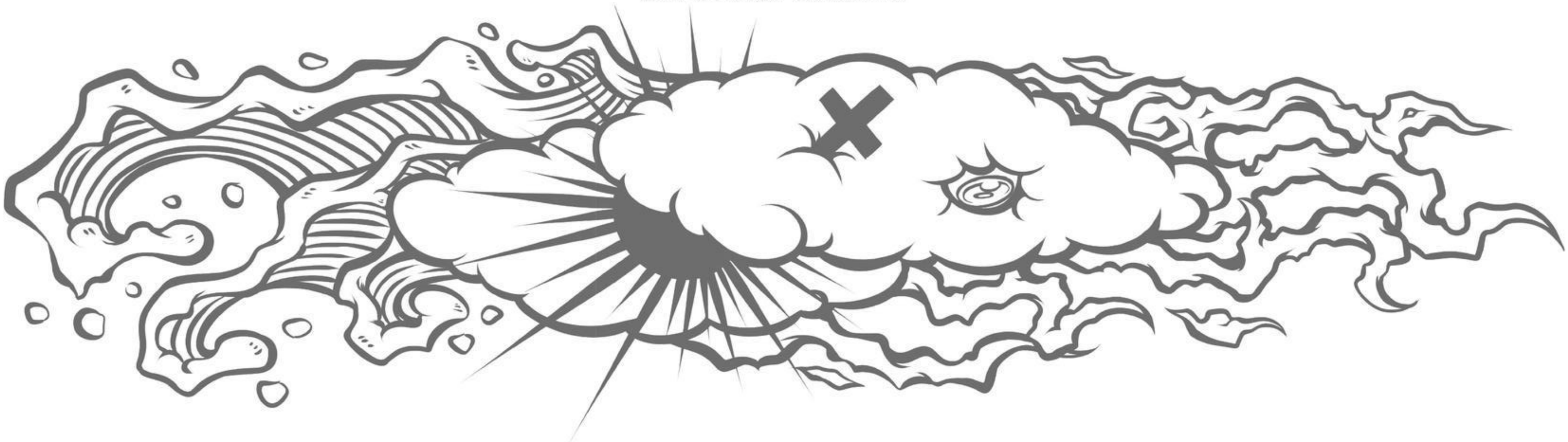
BUT IT DIDN'T HELP.

SEE?

I KEEP CUTTING AND CUTTING WITH MY RIPPER.

BUT HE DOESN'T DISINTE-GRATE.

GACHIAKUTA



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...WHAT?

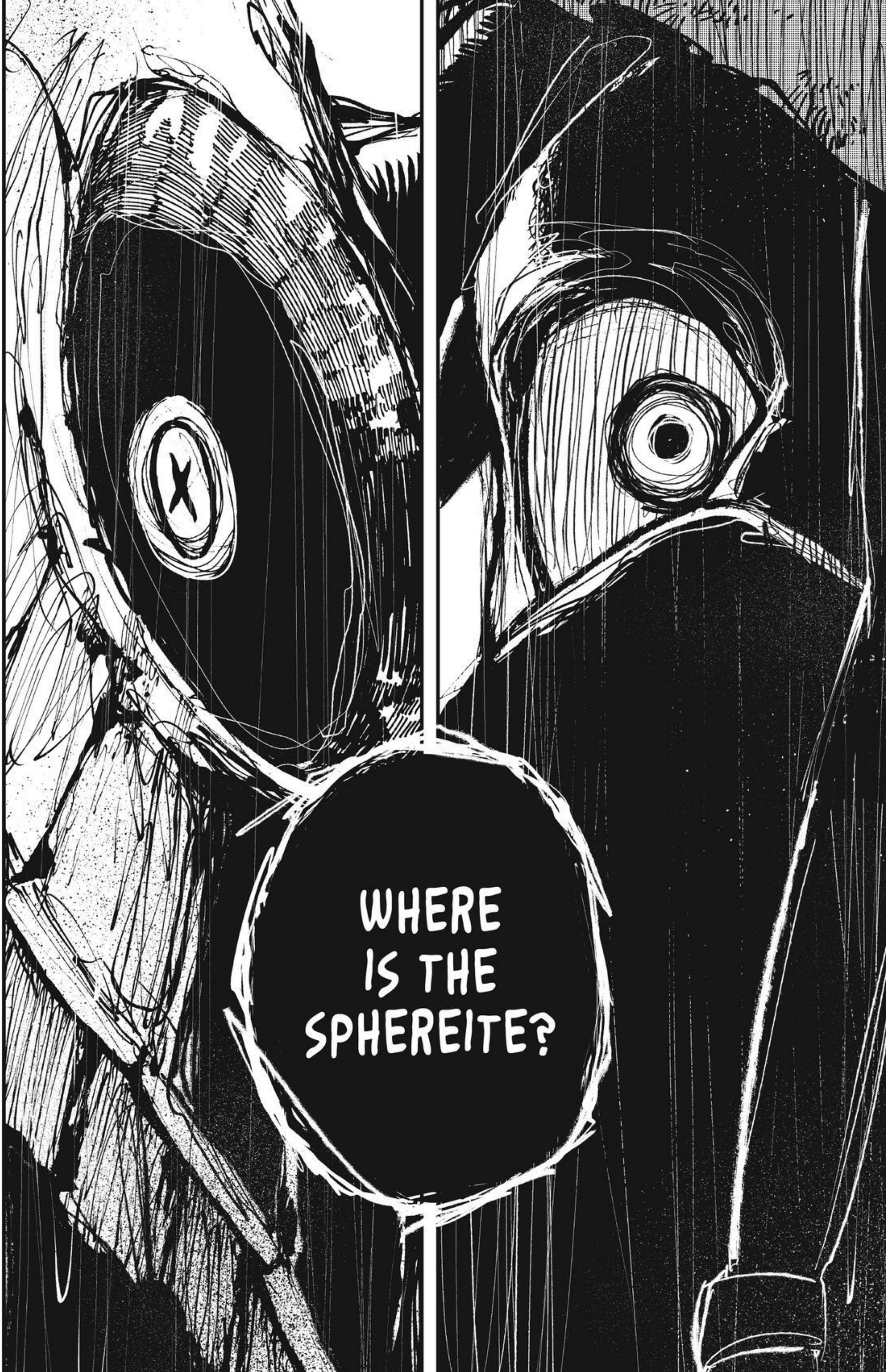
WHERE AM I...?

CHAPTER 10: DRAWING NEAR

...WHO ARE YOU...?

I REMEMBER THAT BRAT FROM THE SPHERE BIT ME AND...

...HM?


WHERE IS THE SPHEREITE?

A TRASH BEAST THAT'S IMMUNE TO YOUR VITAL INSTRUMENT?!

SO I FIGURE IT OUGHT TO DIE IF I USE MY INSTRUMENT TO CUT IT IN HALF. EXCEPT...

IT'S SO WEIRD. TRASH BEASTS' WEAK SPOTS ARE IN PRETTY MUCH THE SAME PLACE AS ANY LIVING CREATURE.

...

HRRM...

YEAH, LET'S DO THAT!

YOU'RE STILL A TRASH BEAST, SO IT SHOULD HELP TO KEEP CUTTING YOU UP UNTIL YOU CAN'T MOVE, RIGHT?

WELL, WHAT-EVER!

...WHAT ...CAN I...?

...

AND WE'LL WARN THE NEIGHBORING TOWNS, JUST IN CASE.

WE'LL PUT IT DOWN IN THE LOG AND THE REPORT AS A NEW SPECIES.

PLEASE AND THANKS!

ALL RIGHTY, THEN!

GRNK

LEAP!

FIRST WE'LL GIVE YOU A NICE, CLEAN CUT ON THAT SCRUFFY MANE OF YOURS.

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WHAT KIND OF STYLE ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?!

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VWSH

SWOOSH!

I DON'T HAVE CLIPPERS, SO THAT'LL TAKE SOME TIME!!

FWOOSH

YOU WANNA GO BALD?!

WHAT ?!

WHIRL

ZZZ

THERE!

LOP
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ALL DONE!

THERE'S SOMETHING GLOWING IN THERE.

...OH? SIR?

AAAH!

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RIGHT HERE.

IS IT SOMETHING SPECIAL?

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WHOA!

IT'S GONNA GET US!!

WHAM

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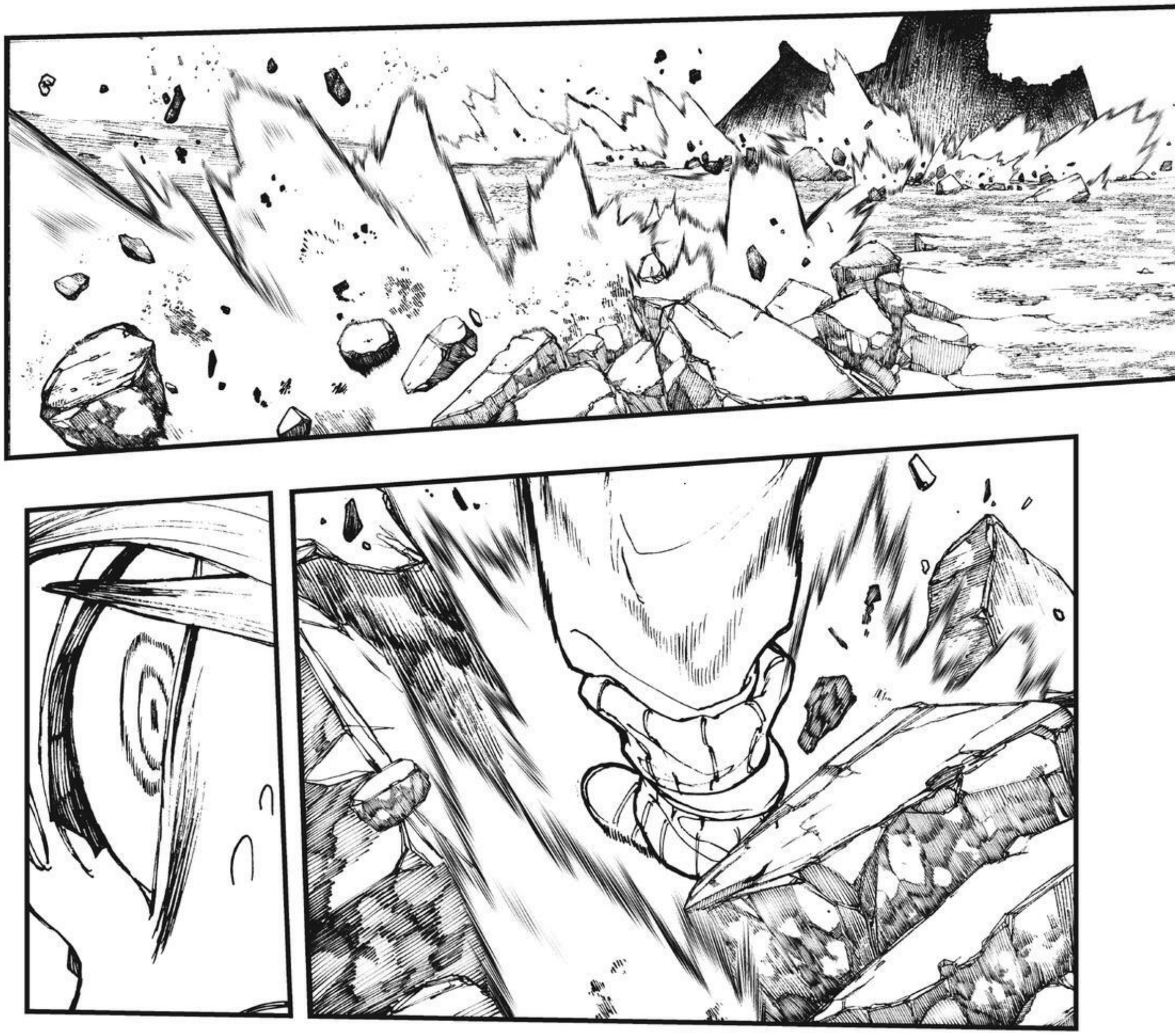
WHAM



MY GOAL...
I WAS MEANT TO GET BACK UP THERE AND KICK SOME ASS.

AND NOW I'M SLOWING EVERYONE DOWN.

BUT I CAN'T EVEN USE MY POWERS...

WHAT AM I EVEN GOOD FOR...?

GRAB

YANK

YOINK

DASH

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WERE THINKING THAT MADE YOU FREEZE UP.

SNAP OUT OF IT!

...

...

RUN.

BUT IF THERE'S SOMETHING YOU'RE HOPING TO ACCOMPLISH,

DON'T GIVE UP BEFORE YOU CAN DO IT.

WATCH WHAT WE'RE DOING.

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OH, YOU'RE YELLING NOW!

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IF IT MAKES YOU SCREAM THAT MUCH, THAT MEANS...

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I FOUND YOUR WEAKNESS!!

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CRUMBLE

SHE BEAT IT...

I THINK?

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LOOKS LIKE *THIS* IS WHAT WAS MAKING IT MOVE...

BUT...

HOW DID YOU BEAT IT?!

I STABBED *THIS*, AND IT DIED.

RIYO! ARE YOU OKAY?!

THAT'S...

?!!

...A VITAL INSTRU-MENT...

ISN'T IT?

WHAT'S GOING ON...?

AN INSTRUMENT POWERING A TRASH BEAST...

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

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WHAT ...?

CHAPTER 11: GETTING CLOSER

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"TOO EARLY"? IT'S NIGHTTIME!

CHATTER

CHATTER

CHATTER

SHUFFLE ススス…

ISN'T IT TOO EARLY FOR ALL THIS...?

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SHF

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THIS IS OUR "WELCOME RUDO TO THE GROUND" PARTY!

TA-DAH!

UH-HUH.

FOR THAT KID...?

WELL, WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT? WE ALL NEED A BREAK!

GA HA HA HA

...YEAH, RIGHT. THESE CHUCKLEHEADS ARE JUST HERE FOR THE BOOZE.

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GLANCE

GLOOOM

THE GUEST OF HONOR DON'T SEEM TOO EXCITED.

YEAH, I GUESS HE WAS HAVING TROUBLE USING HIS VITAL INSTRUMENT ON THE JOB YESTERDAY.

HE'S BEEN LIKE THAT EVER SINCE.

HE'S NOTHIN'...

UNUSUAL IS RIGHT. IT HAD A CORE.

AND THAT CORE WAS AN "OBJECT."

OH. SPEAKIN' OF YESTER-DAY.

I HEARD SOMETHIN' ABOUT AN UNUSUAL TRASH BEAST...

YEAH.

I...

I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...

WHEN WE REALIZED THERE WAS A ***TRASH BEAST*** POWERED BY ONE OF THOSE, IT GAVE US ALL THE CREEPS.

AN OBJECT WITH POWERS IS TOTALLY A VITAL INSTRUMENT, RIGHT?

...AND FOR NOW, WE'D JUST COME HOME AND GET SOME FOOD!!

B-B-A-A-AM

SO I FIGURED I COULD LET THE GUYS IN CHARGE FIGURE IT OUT...

...NOTHIN' WILL EVER STOP YOU FROM BEIN' YOU...

ENJIN AND SEMIU WILL ALSO BE HERE WHEN THEY'RE DONE WITH THEIR MEETING!

WHAT!

ENJIN'S COMIN'?!!

WE HAVEN'T TALKED SINCE YESTERDAY.

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SHF...

...RUDO
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I KNOW.

I'M GRIS RUBION.

AND I STILL HAVEN'T INTRODUCED MYSELF.

...

I DIDN'T DO ANY-THING...

YOU DID GOOD OUT THERE.

THE YOUNG SUPPORTER OVER THERE IN THE GOGGLES.

OH...

...FOLLO?

YOU SAVED FOLLO FROM A TRASH BEAST.

EVER SINCE I WAS A KID, I'D LOSE MY TEMPER QUICKLY AND THROW A FIT.

AND IT WAS REGTO WHO CLEANED UP MY MESS EVERY TIME.

BUT I COULDN'T USE MY POWERS.

I NEEDED ***YOU*** AND ***RIYO*** TO SAVE ME.

IT'S NO DIFFERENT THAN WHEN I WAS UP ***THERE***.

WHY AM I ALWAYS SO...?

CLENCH

I ***NEED*** TO GET BACK UP THERE, FAST.

I NEED...

BUT I HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL. I'M GETTING RESCUED ALL OVER AGAIN.

I CAN'T LIVE UP TO ANYONE'S EXPECTATIONS.

I WANTED TO THANK YOU.

...HUH?

BUT I GUESS YOU'RE DIFFERENT, RUDO.

...?

WHEN PEOPLE SEE US SUPPORTERS FOR THE FIRST TIME, THEY USUALLY LOOK DOWN ON US. THEY THINK WE'RE "WEAKLINGS WITH NO POWERS," OR "THE CLEANERS' EXCESS BAGGAGE."

THERE ARE EVEN A HANDFUL OF GUYS IN THE CLEANERS NOW WHO THOUGHT THAT AT FIRST.

LOOK AT HIM.

SO HE'S TAKING CARE OF A PRECIOUS OBJECT RIGHT NOW SO THAT HE CAN BE A GIVER.

BUT YOU CAN'T KILL TRASH BEASTS WITHOUT POWERS.

FOLLO JOINED THE CLEANERS BECAUSE HE WANTED TO GET RID OF ALL THE TRASH BEASTS.

HE'S ACTIVELY WORKING ON MAKING THAT DREAM A REALITY.

"I'M GONNA SHOW 'EM ALL WE'RE NOT AS WORTHLESS AS THEY THINK."

...HE STARTED SAYING, "WHEN I'M A GIVER, I'M STILL GONNA BE A SUPPORTER."

THEN, AFTER HE BECAME A SUPPORTER ...

WHAT IS IT?

THERE MUST BE SOMETHING YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO.

RUDO... PUT ASIDE THOSE THOUGHTS ABOUT GETTING STRONGER AND NEEDING TO LIVE UP TO EXPECTATIONS FOR A SECOND.

SOMETHING THAT MADE YOU THINK, "I WANT TO DO THAT."

BEFORE WHATEVER BROUGHT YOU HERE HAPPENED.

BEFORE YOU CAME TO THE GROUND,

ALWAYS ...

WANTED TO DO?

...

START BY REMINDING YOURSELF OF THAT.

GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING.

YOU'LL KNOW WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NEXT.

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CLATTER

WHEN YOU DO, IT WILL JUST COME NATURALLY.

HAVE FAITH IN YOURSELF.

I MEAN, THEY DROPPED YOU ON THE GROUND, BUT YOU'RE STILL ALIVE. THAT COUNTS FOR SOMETHING.

OOOHH MAN, I AM BEAT.

SLUMP

WHOA?!

YOU'RE THE ONE EATIN' MOST OF IT, RIYO.

YEAH, RUDO! YOU'RE THE GUEST OF HONOR! BUT IF YOU DON'T EAT SOMETHING, SOON ALL THE FOOD'LL BE GONE.

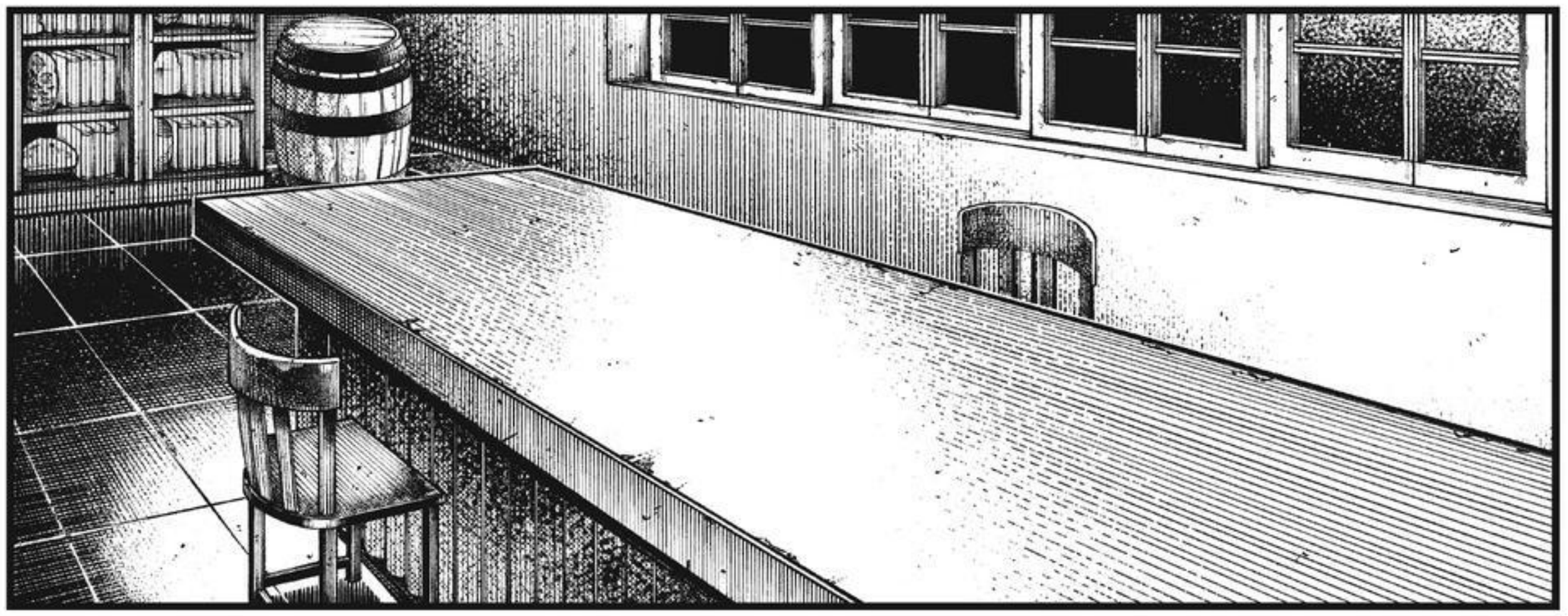
ENJIN?!

HRM?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? HAVEN'T YOU EATEN ANYTHING?

COME ON, LET'S GO STUFF OURSELVES.

RUDO.



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NNNH!

PLEASE, LET ME GO! I'M BEGGING YOU!!!

I TOLD YOU EVERY-THING!

HAVEN'T I SUFFERED ENOUGH?! I ALREADY TALKED!

OKIE-DOKIE.

ZHM

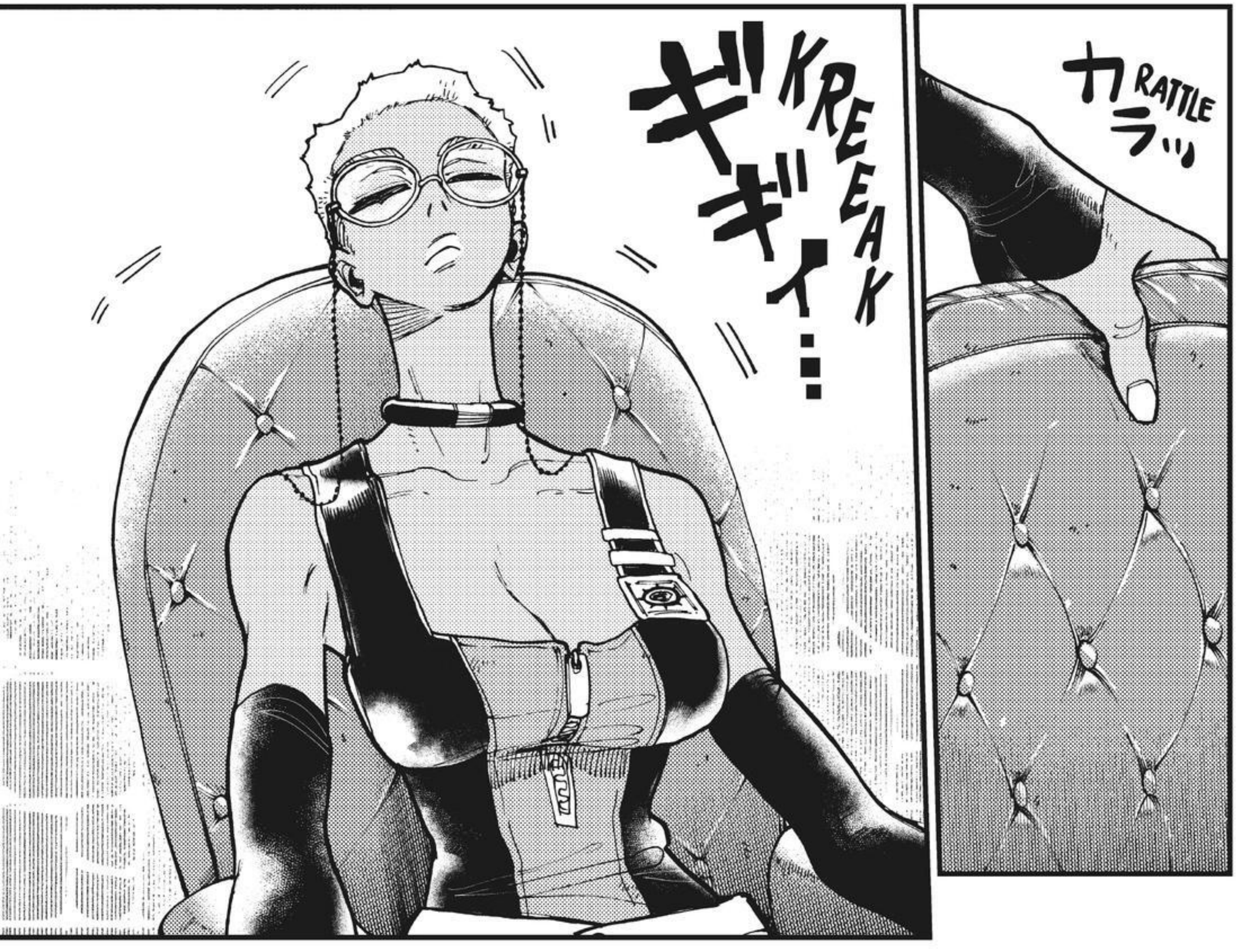
WHO'S A GIVER... FROM THE SPHERE...

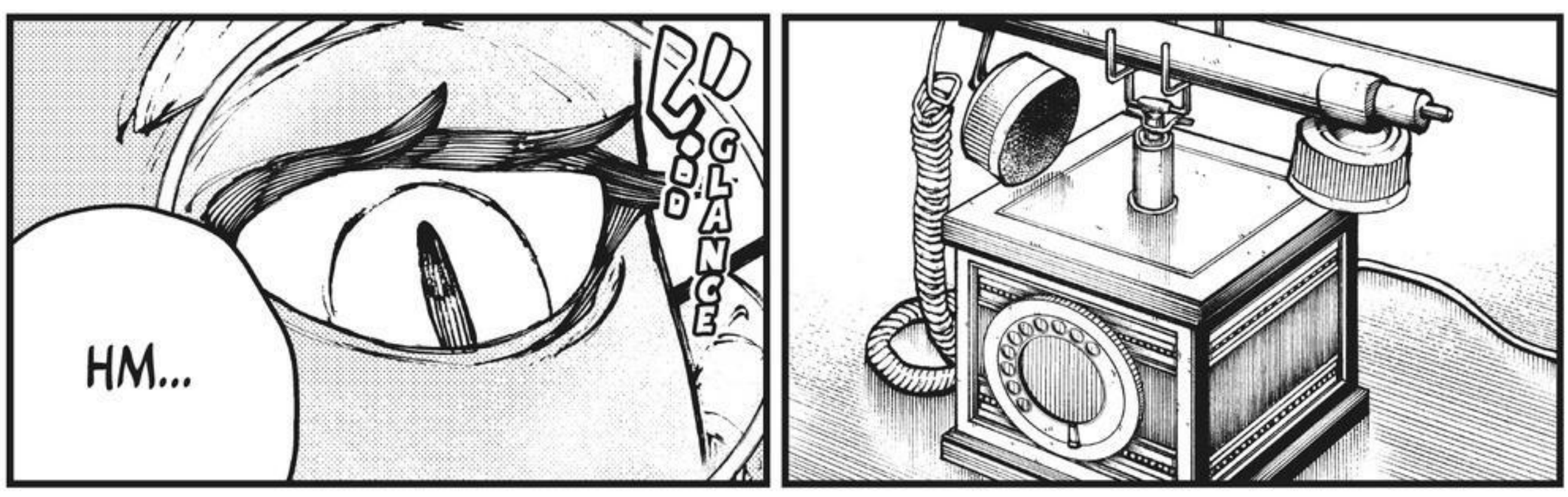
A KID WITH BLACK-TIPPED, WHITE HAIR... AND BAGS UNDER HIS EYES...

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SOME AWESOME SOUVENIRS...

GACHIAKUTA

CHAPTER 12: SHADOWS ON THE GROUND





GOOD MORNING.

YOU'VE REACHED THE CLEANERS.

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RRRRING

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HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

WE HAVE A NEW JOB.

AND SO...

...I GOT JUS' ONE INQUIRY FOR YA.

WHAT'S THE TRAINEE KID DOIN' HERE?

...

WHEN I EXPLAIN THE JOB, YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHY RUDO IS HERE.

HE ISN'T TECHNICALLY A CLEANER YET.

BUT NOT UNTIL AFTER HE JOINS THE CLEANERS OFFICIAL-LIKE, YEAH?

I KNOW I'M S'PPOSED TA BE HIS TRAINER.

THE CLIENT HAS ASKED THAT WE CLEAN UP THE TRASH BEAST AND RETRIEVE THAT CARGO AT ALL COSTS.

BUT THE THING IS...

A MERCHANT CROSSING A POLLUTED ZONE WAS ATTACKED BY A TRASH BEAST THAT TOOK SOME VALUABLE CARGO.

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...IS A HUMAN WHO FELL FROM THE SPHERE— A LIVE SPHEREITE.

THAT CARGO...

BESIDES.

IT MIGHT GIVE HIM SOME CLUES ON HOW TO GET BACK UP THERE.

IT IS CLEARLY NOT NORMAL FOR TWO SPHEREITES TO BE DISCOVERED STILL ALIVE IN SUCH CLOSE SUCCESSION.

AND I DETERMINED THAT IT WOULD BE BEST FOR RUDO, THE OTHER SPHEREITE, TO CHECK THINGS OUT IN PERSON.

RUDO.

I'M SURE YOU HAVE A LOT ON YOUR MIND.

SO YOU SHOULD BE THE ONE TO DECIDE WHETHER YOU GO OR NOT.

...

CLENCH

BUT...

IF I CAN FIND A CLUE TO GETTING BACK UP THERE, THEN...!!

I MIGHT END UP BEING DEAD WEIGHT AGAIN, NEEDING EVERYONE ELSE TO SAVE ME...

I CAN'T REALLY USE MY POWERS...

I'M GOING.

BUT HE'S ON ANOTHER JOB AND CAN'T GO.

ORIGINALLY, I WAS PLANNING TO SEND ENJIN WITH YOU.

...

THOUGH HE DID SAY,

"IT'LL BE FINE AS LONG AS ZANKA'S THERE,"

...OR SOME-THING.

I THINK THAT'S WHAT HE SAID...

AWRIGHT!

TIME TO GET TA WORK! GOTTA GIVE IT EVERYTHIN' WE GOT!

...

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COME TO THINK OF IT, GRIS...DON'T YOU CARRY A WEAPON?

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BUT YOU KNOW, RUDO.

GRIS ***DOES*** ACTUALLY CARRY A LUCKY CHARM.

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I DO CARRY A KNIFE FOR SELF-DEFENSE, BUT I GENERALLY FIGHT BARE-HANDED.

IT'S WHAT I'M USED TO.

WOW, HE'S A GOOD GUY...

HE PRAYS BEFORE EVERY JOB, ASKING THAT EVERYBODY CAN MAKE IT BACK IN ONE PIECE.

SHUT UP, STUPID! DON'T TELL PEOPLE THAT!!

BUT IT'S NOT LIKE PRAYING WILL HURT ANYTHING, SO WHO CARES IF I DO IT?

CLENCH チャラッ

IT'S JUST A CHEAP TRINKET I BOUGHT AT A RANDOM SHOP.

WHOA!!

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I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE.

I AM THE MERCHANT WHO HIRED YOU.

I CAME TO TAKE YOU TO THE TRASH BEAST'S LOCATION.

THAT IS CORRECT, SIR.

YOU...?

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WHERE DID YOU FIND THEM?!

D-DID YOU REALLY HAVE A SPHEREITE?

DID YOU... ASK THEM ANY-THING?!

WHAT WERE THEY LIKE?!

I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE SPHEREITE, TOO, SIR...

SO I WANT TO GET HIM BACK FROM THE TRASH BEAST AS SOON AS WE CAN.

I HAPPENED UPON HIM WHILE TRANSPORTING MERCHANDISE, AND I TOOK HIM INTO CUSTODY, SIR.

HE WAS UNCONSCIOUS, SO I HAVEN'T ASKED HIM ANYTHING.

I REALLY AM WORRIED...

PERISH THE THOUGHT!

SHAKE SHAKE

YOU'RE NOT PLANNING TO MAKE MONEY OFF OF THIS SPHEREITE, ARE YOU?

PLEASE BELIEVE ME!

...

...

THOUGH, I AM INCREDIBLY INTERESTED, SIR, IN THE SPHEREITE.

WOULD A TRASH BEAST GO OUTTA ITS WAY TO KIDNAP A HUMAN BEING?

TRASH BEASTS ATTACK ANY HUMAN ON SIGHT.

THE ODDS AREN'T GOOD THAT THIS ONE'S STILL ALIVE.

BUT...

EVER SINCE HE GOT HERE...

...OF DISAGREEABLE CHANGES 'ROUND HERE LATELY...

THERE SURE ARE A LOT...

IT'S OVER HERE, EVERYONE.

YES, I SAW IT RUN INSIDE, SIR!

IN THAT BUILDING?

A SPHEREITE...

...OTHER THAN ME.

THERE'S SOMEONE THERE!

!

LOOK...

THERE'S NO TELLING WHERE THAT TRASH BEAST MIGHT BE HIDIN'.

BE ON YOUR GUARD, EVERYONE.

GRAB

NOW'S YOUR CHANCE!!

THE SPHEREITE!! QUICK!!

SHIIII

IS THE TRASH BEAST THAT DANGER-OUS...?!

WHAT'S HER DEAL?!

WHOA, WHERE'S THE FIRE?

GO NOW!!

YOU HAVE TO HURRY!

...NOT HUMAN.

...HEY.

THAT'S...

IT'S THE SPHERE-WHITE!

HURRY! HURR-RRRY!

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GLOOP

WHA—!

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...OW...

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THE FLOOR MELTED LIKE MUD!

WHAT JUST HAPPENED ...?

WHERE'S THE SPHEREITE HOSTAGE?

BUT WHAT IS THIS PLACE ?!!

EVERY-ONE'S FINE!

OH, HE'S THERE! DON'T YOU SEE HIM?!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!

!

HE'S RIGHT THERE.

GLOOP

TAP

TAP

THE SPHEREITE GIVER.

THOSE PURPLE LANTERNS ...

YOU LURED US INTO A TRAP.

I THOUGHT SOMETHIN' SEEMED SCREWY.

I GET IT.

...OH.

YEAH, YEAH.

RAIDERS.

...IS OURS NOW.

THAT SPHERE-ITE...

RAIDERS?

CHAPTER 13: RAIDERS

THEY'RE BANDITS.

...IN A WORD...

AND EVERY SINGLE RAIDER...

...IS A GIVER.

THEY STARTED OUT AS A BAND OF REGULAR OLD THIEVES.

BUT A FEW YEARS AGO, THEIR CRIMES BECAME MORE DIABOLICAL. I HEARD THEY'RE EVEN DABBLING IN SOME QUESTIONABLE EXPERIMENTS.

SWIP

STAY ON YOUR GUARD!!

THERE MIGHT BE MORE RAIDERS LURKING AROUND.

YES, SIR!

YOU THREE, SECURE US AN ESCAPE ROUTE.

FOLLO'S A COMBATANT. HE'LL STICK WITH ME TO PROTECT RUDO.

I'M SORRY, ZANKA.

IT'S ALL UP TO YOU.

IT'S MY JOB— I KNOW WHAT I SIGNED UP FOR.

GET OUTTA HERE.

DASH

THEY'RE NOT LIKE THE KIDNAPPERS YOU DEALT WITH— THEY'RE IN A WHOLE OTHER LEAGUE.

THEY DON'T LOOK THAT TOUGH! I COULD HELP!

...!

NOT AGAIN...!

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF POWERS THEY'RE GONNA USE!

ANYWAY, RIGHT NOW THE PLAN IS TO GET AWAY FROM THEM!

THE SPHEREITE.

EVERYBODY 'ROUND HERE IS AFTER THE SAME DAMN THING.

OH, WE DON'T WANT THE BOY SO WE CAN SELL HIM.

BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT YA TO SHOW UP SO SOON.

WELL... I FIGURED IT WAS ONLY A MATTER'A TIME 'FORE YA SNIFFED HIM OUT.

I'LL BE REAL, YOU'D GET A FORTUNE FOR HIM. SELL HIM OFF, AND YOU'D NEVER HAVE TO WORK ANOTHER DAY IN YOUR LIFE.

THE BEST WAY TO DO *THAT* IS TO ASK THE SPHEREITE HIMSELF, DON'T YOU THINK?

WE WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE SPHERE.

...ACROSS THE BORDER WITHOUT *DYING*...

FOR EXAM-PLE.

HOW HE MADE IT...

KAPOW

...IS THAT THIS JOB WAS JUST A TRAP TO LURE RUDO INTO YOUR GRIMY CLUTCHES.

AND THERE NEVER WAS ANY TRASH BEAST.

AM I CORRECT?

BORDER ...?

CHAK

WELL, I DON'T GIVE A TRASH BEAST'S ASS 'BOUT THE SPHERE.

ALL I'M HEARIN'...

THERE ARE NO TRASH BEASTS, NO.

BUT THERE ARE MUD DOLLS, IF YOU'D LIKE TO FIGHT THEM.
GLOOP
GLOOP
GLOOP

...WERE THANKS TO YOUR POWERS?

THEN I PRESUME THAT CREEPY WOMAN WHO LED US HERE,

AND THE GROUND FALLIN' OUT FROM UNDER US...

'CEPT.

CLENCH

KA-THWACK

I CAN WIPE OUT THESE SOFTIES WITH ONE FLICK OF MY STICK.

BE CARE-FUL!

OH!

UHH-UH-UH!

ONE OF THEM...

BLOMP ボコ

BLOMP ボコ

ドゴ SPLO-RCH ガコ

...HAS A SURPRISE INSIDE!

SLURP

CARE-
LESS.

WHAM

スリザア

ZKSHHH

YOU GOT DISTRACTED AND FORGOT ABOUT ME.

YOU'RE JUST NOT USED TO FIGHTING LITTLE HUMANS LIKE US.

YOU CLEANERS SPEND SO MUCH TIME BATTLING THE BIG MONSTERS.

WELL, WE CAN'T REALLY BLAME THEM, CAN WE?

ZSH
ZSH
ZSH

GRR!

WHAM

NYOOP

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F-SSHH

ZSH

カッ
SLUMP

POW

ブンッ

VWOOSH

GRNG

OH, DEAR!
I FORGOT TO
TELL YOU.

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ZHMM

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I TURNED SOME PATCHES OF THE FLOOR INTO MUD BEFORE WE GOT STARTED.

THUNK

I'M SURE YOU WERE HOPING YOU COULD SWING YOUR STICK IN A BIG ATTACK THAT WOULD TAKE OUT ALL OF MY DOLLS.

OF THE TEAM YOU BROUGHT WITH YOU, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO STRIKES ME AS A DECENT FIGHTER.

BUT IF YOU MOVE AROUND TOO MUCH, YOU'LL GET YOURSELF STUCK.

...

SO YOU HAVE FUN SINKING INTO YOUR LITTLE MUD PIT.

MEANWHILE, THE SPHEREITE WILL BE ALL...

AS LONG AS WE NEUTRALIZE YOU, WE WIN.

YOU'RE GIVIN' ME A HEADACHE.

THE LADY USES A SHOVEL INSTRUMENT TO CONTROL THE MUD.

I'VE HAD IT UP TA ***HERE*** WITH YOUR VEXATIOUS LITTLE TACTICS.

AN' THE MAN HAS AN INSTRUMENT THAT'S USED FOR HITTIN'...

BUT AFTER KEEPIN' MY MOUTH SHUT AND WATCHIN' YOUR SHOW FOR A WHILE, I THINK I GOT IT.

IT'S YOUR FEET.

ALL YOU HIT ME WITH IS A STANDARD PUNCH.

BUT THAT AIN'T RIGHT.

...OR SO I WAS THINKIN'.

THINKIN' 'BOUT IT, I REMEMBER YOU SQUATTIN' DOWN AND DOIN' SOMETHING BEFORE THE LADY PULLED OUT HER DOLLS.

FOR A SECOND, I SAW WHAT LOOKED LIKE SNOWSHOES.

YOU WERE CHOSEN TO BE THE LADY'S PARTNER 'CAUSE YOU WON'T SINK IN THE MUD.

I HEARD SNOWSHOES MAKE IT EASIER TO WALK ON ALL KINDS OF TEMPERAMENTAL TERRAIN.

YOU MAKE A CUTE COUPLE.

THIS HASN'T CHANGED YOUR SITUATION! IN FACT, YOU JUST MADE IT WORSE!!

ARE YOU MOCKING US?

BUT HERE'S THE THING...

MAYBE I DO GOT LESS EXPERIENCE FIGHTIN' HUMANS THAN YOU DO.

UNLIKE YOU PUNKS, I KNOW EVERYTHING THERE IS TA KNOW 'BOUT MY VITAL INSTRUMENT.

WELL, THAT'S ENOUGH LECTURIN'! POINT IS...

I KNOW ***EXACTLY*** HOW HARD TO WAVE HER, HOW IT SHOULD FEEL, I KNOW WHERE EVERY DIFFERENT SWING WILL HIT, WHAT DIRECTION SHE'LL GO FLYIN'!!

...!

...“HOW YA DOIN' TODAY?” AND I ***NEVER*** FORGET TO DO THE PROPER MAINTENANCE. I NEVER MISS A SINGLE, SOLITARY DAY.

I KNOW ITS EXACT WEIGHT, SCENT, AN' TEXTURE. EVERY DAY, I ASK IT...

BAM

I CAN ***DO THIS!***

VRRRRM

THERE YOU ARE.

IF YOU HADN'T'A USED THOSE VEXATIOUS TACTICS, I COULDN'A TAKEN YOU OUT IN ONE HIT.

SKUD

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SKUD

スパナ

THEN I GUESS THE SAME GOES FOR YOU.

TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 3

THE PERSON INSIDE

BOOMERANG

UNKO

BBA!

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見てんのさ!!

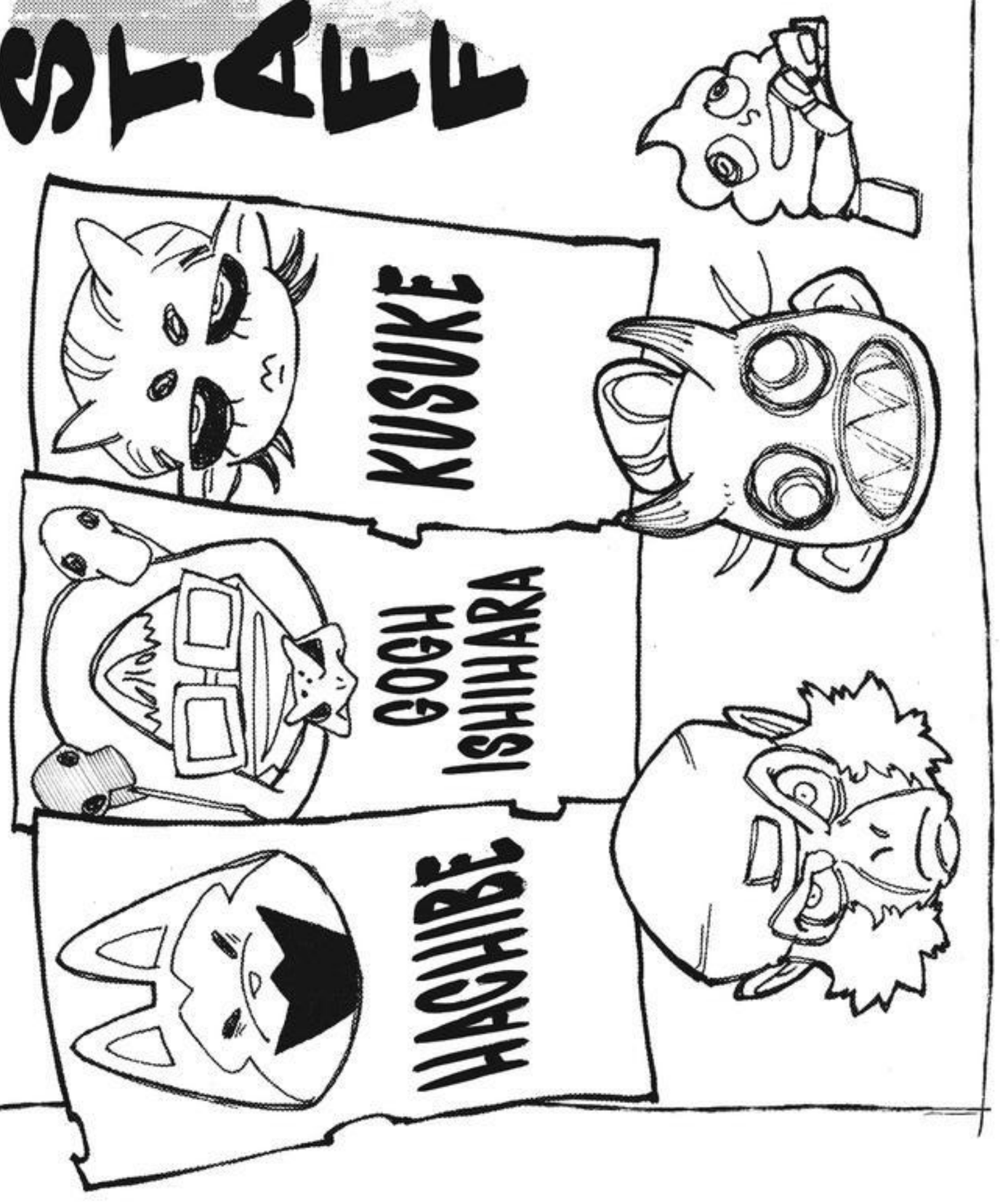
UNYOOOOOOON!!!

OSAKA
HIROSHIMA
TOKYO
NAGOYA
KYOUGO

Waaa!!

PAY
PAY PAY PAY PAY PAY

STAFF LIST



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